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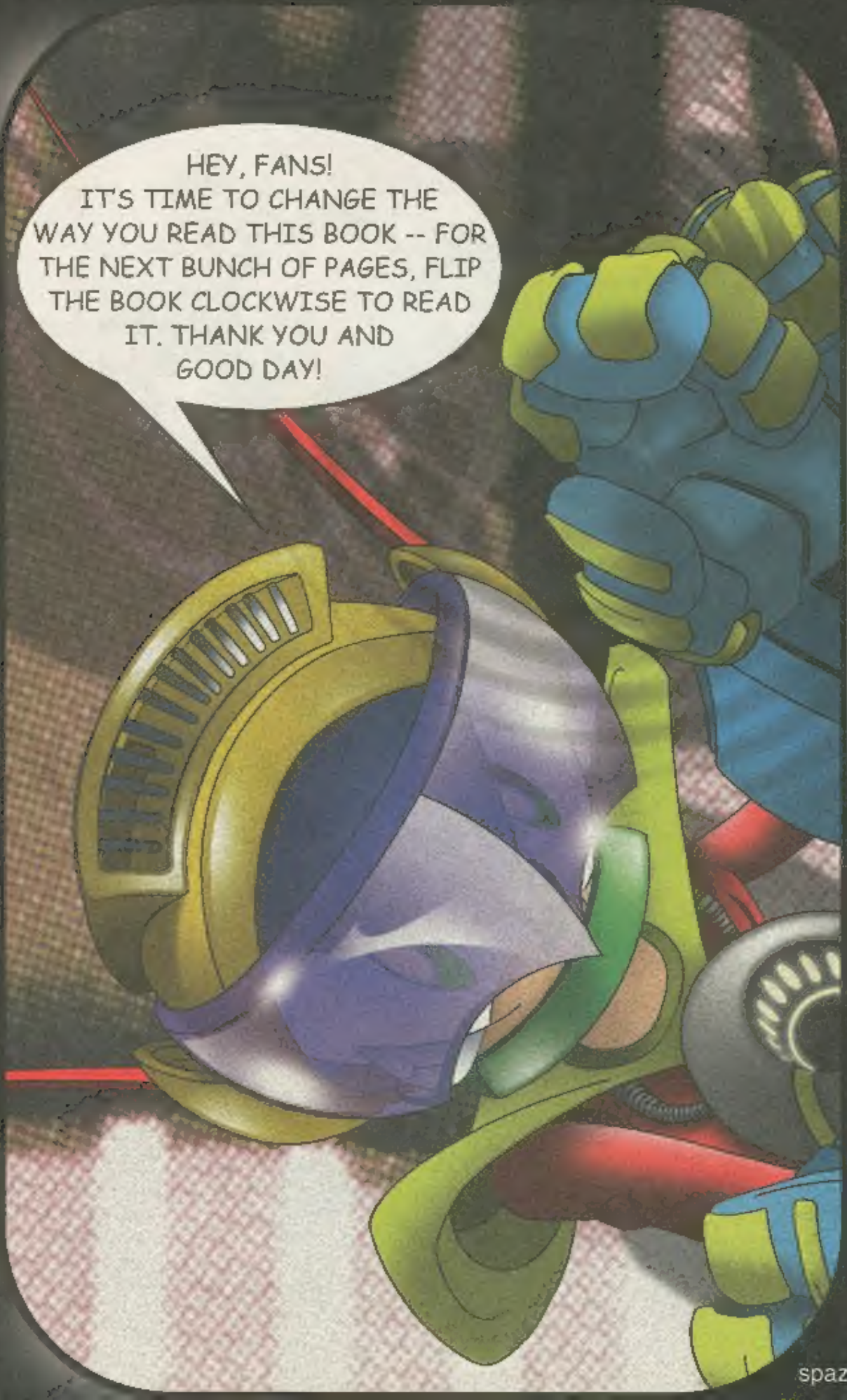
HEY, FANS! IT'S TIME TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU READ THIS BOOK -- FOR THE NEXT BUNCH OF PAGES, FLIP THE BOOK CLOCKWISE TO READ IT. THANK YOU AND GOOD DAY!
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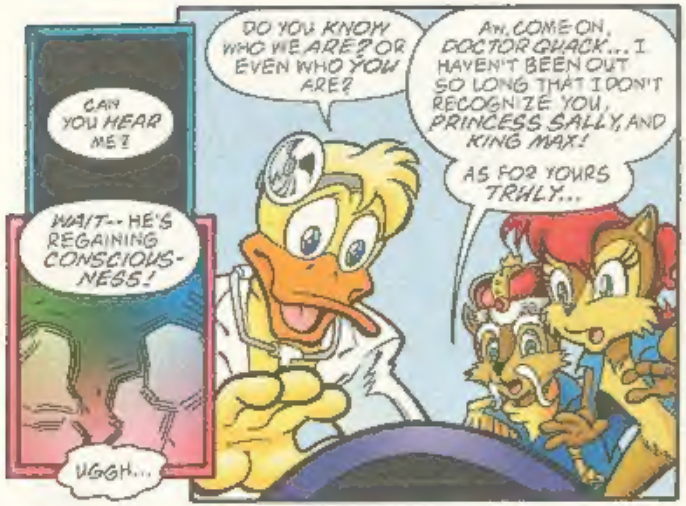

CAN YOU HEAR ME?
WAIT-- HE'S REGAINING CONSCIOUSNESS!
UGGH...
DO YOU KNOW WHO WE ARE? OR EVEN WHO YOU ARE?
AW, COME ON, DOCTOR QUACK... I HAVEN'T BEEN OUT SO LONG THAT I DON'T RECOGNIZE YOU, PRINCESS SALLY, AND KING MAX!
AS FOR YOURS TRULY...

"... I'M NONE OTHER THAN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG -- FASTEST FREEDOM FIGHTER ON PLANET MOBIUS!
"I NEVER WANTED TO BE PART O'SOME CRAZY REVOLUTION BUT I DIDN'T HAVE A CHOICE...

"... NOT AFTER THE EVIL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK AND HIS SWAT-BOT HORDE INVADED MY HOME HERE IN MOBOTROPOLIS!
"IN NO TIME AT ALL, HIS SMELLY FACTORIES HAD POLLUTED THE WHOLE ENVIRONMENT. HIS ROBOTICIZED REIGN WOULDN'T END...

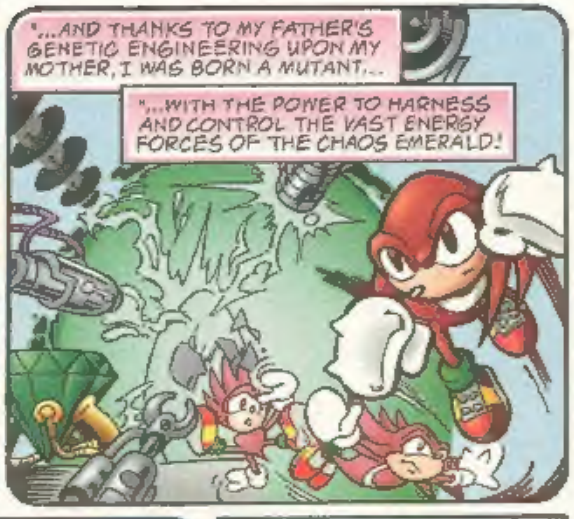
"... UNTIL WE WENT UP AGAINST EACH OTHER IN WHAT WAS TO BE A FINAL KNOCK-DOWN, DRAG OUT FACE-OFF!
"AND WITH OL' DOC APPARENTLY ERASED FROM EXISTENCE BY HIS OWN ULTIMATE ANNHILATOR CANNON...

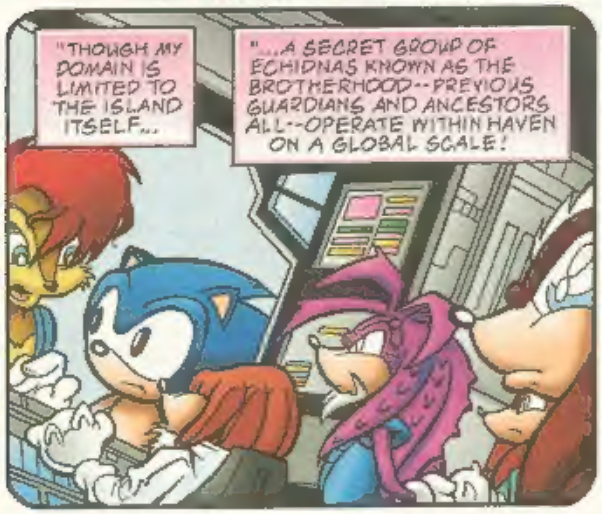
"... THE KINGDOM OF ACORN WAS FINALLY RESTORED. SO... ANY MORE --

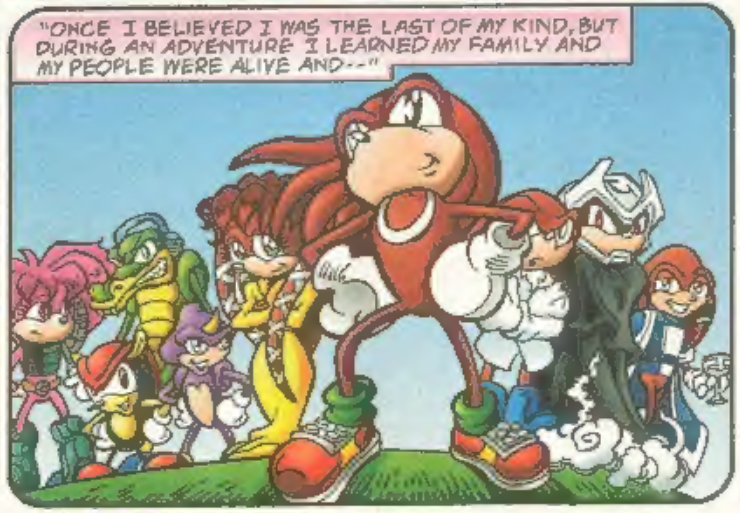
--QUESTIONS?!
"CONFUSED, SONIC? YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE..."

LOOK! HIS EYELIDS ARE FLUTTERING!
HE'S FINALLY COMING TO!
UGHH...
SOME DISORIENTATION IS TO BE EXPECTED, SO JUST TAKE IT EASY, SON--!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, DADS? YOU, JULIE-SU AND GRANDFATHER SABRE LOOK FINE TO ME!
AS FAR AS MYSELF GOES...

"...I'M STILL KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA--GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND!
"I'M THE LATEST DESCENDANT OF A LONG LINE OF GUARDIANS BORN TO A NOBLE HOUSE...


"...AND THANKS TO MY FATHER'S GENETIC ENGINEERING UPON MY MOTHER, I WAS BORN A MUTANT...
"...WITH THE POWER TO HARNESS AND CONTROL THE VAST ENERGY FORCES OF THE CHAOS EMERALD!

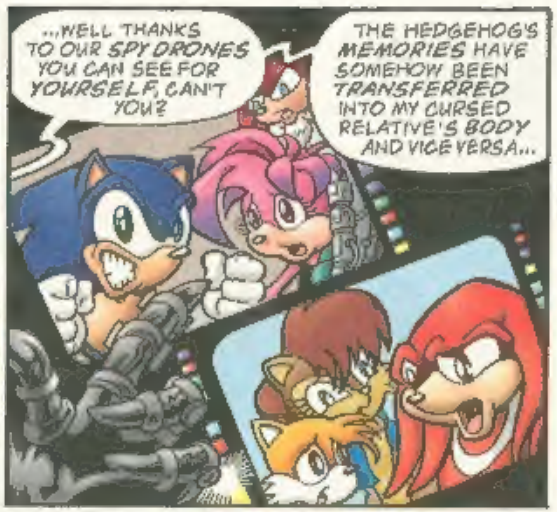

"THOUGH MY DOMAIN IS LIMITED TO THE ISLAND ITSELF...
"...A SECRET GROUP OF ECHIDNAS KNOWN AS THE BROTHERHOOD--PREVIOUS GUARDIANS AND ANCESTORS ALL--OPERATE WITHIN HAVEN ON A GLOBAL SCALE!


"ONCE I BELIEVED I WAS THE LAST OF MY KIND, BUT DURING AN ADVENTURE I LEARNED MY FAMILY AND MY PEOPLE WERE ALIVE AND--"

--WELL?!
"YES! LOOKING AT MY ENEMY'S DISMAY IS DELIGHTFUL!"

ELSEWHERE...
NOW DO YOU SEE? WE COULD HAVE SIMPLY SLAIN SONIC AND KNUCKLES WHEN WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY!
YES, MY ANALOGOUS ALLY. WE COULD HAVE DONE THAT...
...BUT SURELY SUCH AN ACTION WOULD NOT HAVE BEFITTED TWO ENTERPRISING SOULS SUCH AS OURSELVES. NO...

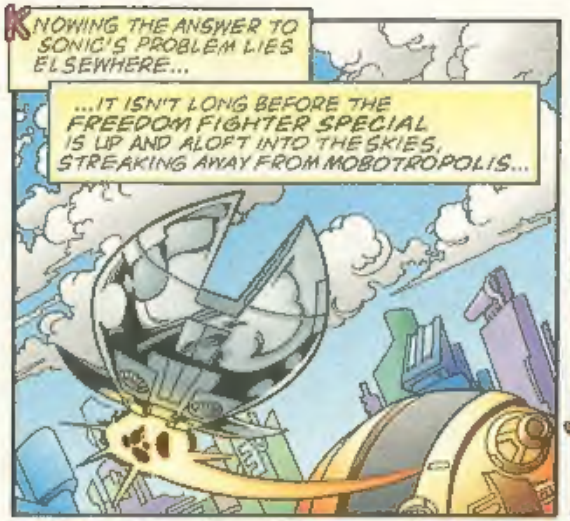
...FOR DIMITRI OF THE DARK LEGION AND DOCTOR ROBOTNIK, NOTHING SHORT OF HAVING OUR TWO GREATEST ENEMIES ALIVE TO WITNESS OUR SHARED VICTORY WOULD EVER DO!
YES, THAT WAS ALL FINE AND WELL WHEN WE BELIEVED THEM TO BE IMMOBILIZED, BUT NOW... NOW...


...WELL THANKS TO OUR SPY DRONES YOU CAN SEE FOR YOURSELF, CAN'T YOU?
THE HEDGEHOG'S MEMORIES HAVE SOMEHOW BEEN TRANSFERRED INTO MY CURSED RELATIVE'S BODY AND VICE VERSA...

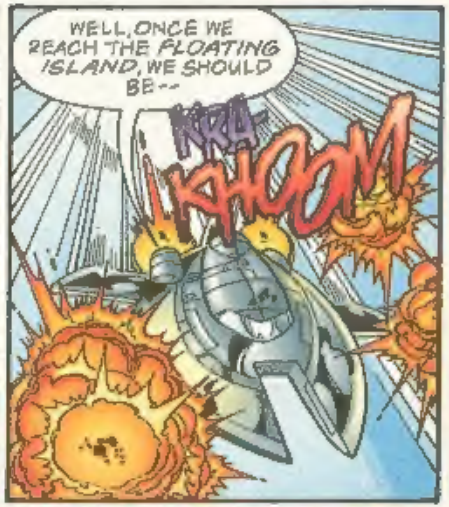
"...INSTEAD OF ERASING THEM AS WE HAD ORIGINALLY INTENDED!"

Ahh...BUT CONSIDER THIS THEN, DIMITRI... WITH BOTH OF THESE SELF-PROCLAIMED HEROES OUT OF THEIR ELEMENT, SO TO SPEAK...

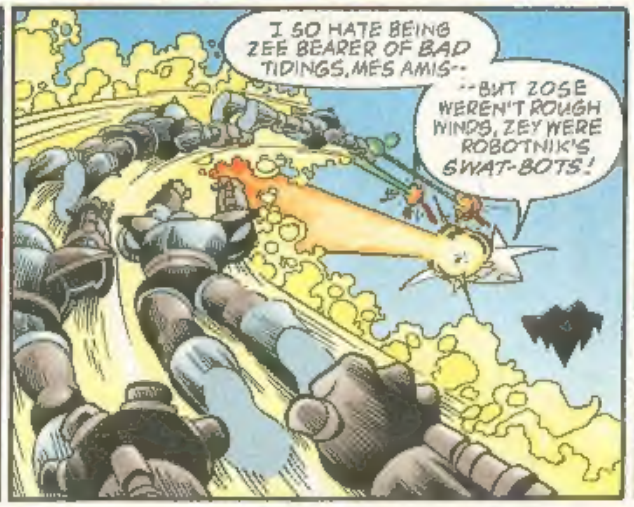
...WON'T DESTROYING THEM BE THAT MUCH MORE SATISFYING?
"QUITE SATISFYING!"


KNOWING THE ANSWER TO SONIC'S PROBLEM LIES ELSEWHERE...
...IT ISN'T LONG BEFORE THE FREEDOM FIGHTER SPECIAL IS UP AND ALOFT INTO THE SKIES, STREAKING AWAY FROM MOBOTROPOLIS...

I'M NOT SURE WHAT TO BELIEVE, SONIC. YOU SAY IT'S YOU--
--BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT NICOLE IS REGISTERING, RIGHT, NATE MORGAN?
EVEN MY MONITOR REGISTERS YOU AS AN ECHIDNA!


WELL, ONCE WE REACH THE FLOATING ISLAND, WE SHOULD BE--
KHOOM

ANTOINE! WHAT'S GOING ON?!
THE AIR CURRENTS ARE REALLY ROCKIN'!


I SO HATE BEING ZEE BEARER OF BAD TIDINGS, MES AMIS--
--BUT ZOSE WEREN'T ROUGH WINDS, ZEY WERE ROBOTNIK'S SWAT-BOTS!

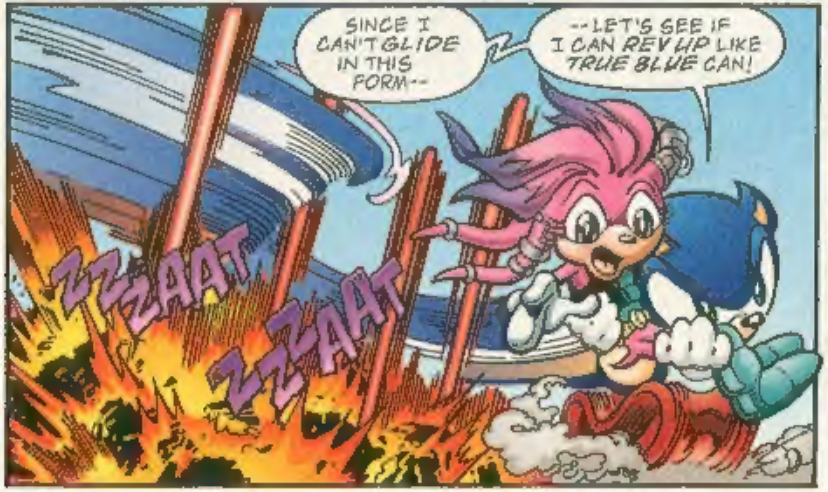
AND IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING FAST, ZEY WILL HAVE US DEAD IN THEIR SIGHTS!
HEAD OVER THERE TOWARDS ECHIDNAOPOLIS!
IT'S OUR ONLY HOPE!

MEANWHILE, IN THE AFOREMENTIONED CITY OF ECHIDNAOPOLIS ON THE FLOATING ISLAND...
THERE'S NO QUESTION ABOUT IT, JULIE-SU... IF I'M STUCK IN SONIC'S BODY, I'LL WAGER THAT HE'S OFF SOMEWHERE STUCK IN MINE...
...AND WHOEVER'S RESPONSIBLE, IS DOING THEIR DARNEST TO MAKE SURE WE CAN'T GET OUTTA TOWN TO FIND HIM!
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN! BUT WHAT NOW, SON--I MEAN KNUCKLES? THAT SHUTTLE WAS OUR QUICK TICKET TO MOBOTROPOLIS!
NO TIME TO THINK ABOUT THAT NOW--THE GOONS WHO GUNNED US DOWN ARE HERE TO FINISH THE JOB, JULIE-SU!
AND IT DOESN'T SURPRISE ME IN THE LEAST TO LEARN THAT IT'S...
...THE DARK LEGION!
AND IF THESE TECHNO-ZEALOTS ARE TRYING TO BLAST US... THEIR BIG BOSS--MY ULTRA TWISTED ANCESTOR DIMITRI--MUST BE THE CULPRIT!
WELL, THEY'D BETTER GET READY TO GO BACK TO THEIR HEADQUARTERS AND REPORT HOW THEY FELL FLAT ON THEIR--
FWUMP
--FACES.
SH-ZAKT
"KNUCKLES--LOOK OUT!!"

IN THE AIRSPACE ABOVE THE ECHIDNAOPOLITAN SKYLINE, THE BATTLE TAKES A TURN FOR THE WORST? AS...
KA BOOM
WE'RE HIT!

STRAP YOURSELVEE IN, EVERYBODY!
ZIS WILL BE QUITE ZEE ROUGH LANDING!!

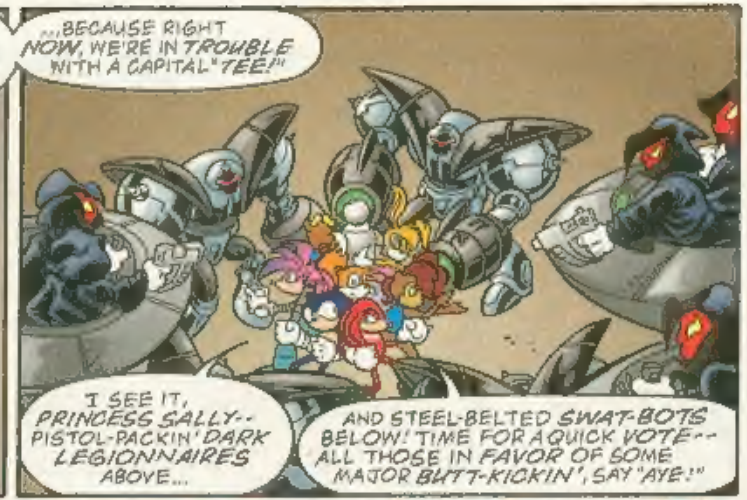
WHILE ON THE STREETS BELOW...
OHMYGOSH, JULIE-SU!
THAT LOOKS LIKE A FREEDOM FIGHTER SPECIAL GOING DOWN FOR THE COUNT!
NEVER MIND THAT! WE HAVE ENOUGH PROBLEMS DEALING WITH THESE JERKS!


SINCE I CAN'T GLIDE IN THIS FORM--
--LET'S SEE IF I CAN REV UP LIKE TRUE BLUE CAN!
ZZZAAT
ZZZAAT

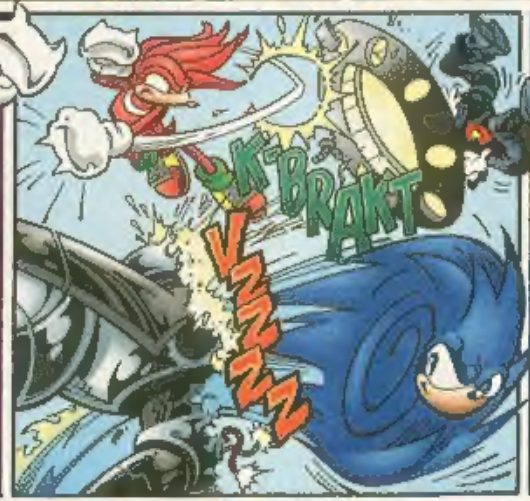
I WAS RIGHT! IT IS THEM!
LET'S HOPE NO ONE IS HURT!
O-OOOH --MY HEAD...
AT LEAST IT CAN'T GET ANY WORSE...
WANNA BET?

SONIC? IS THAT YOU?
WHO'D YA THINK, uhh... KNUCKLES?
AND AS MUCH AS IT HURTS ME TO EVEN THINK OF IT -- WE'VE SOMEHOW TRADED FACES!
NO KIDDIN'! AND YOU SURE GOT THE BETTER PART O' THE DEAL, RAD RED!

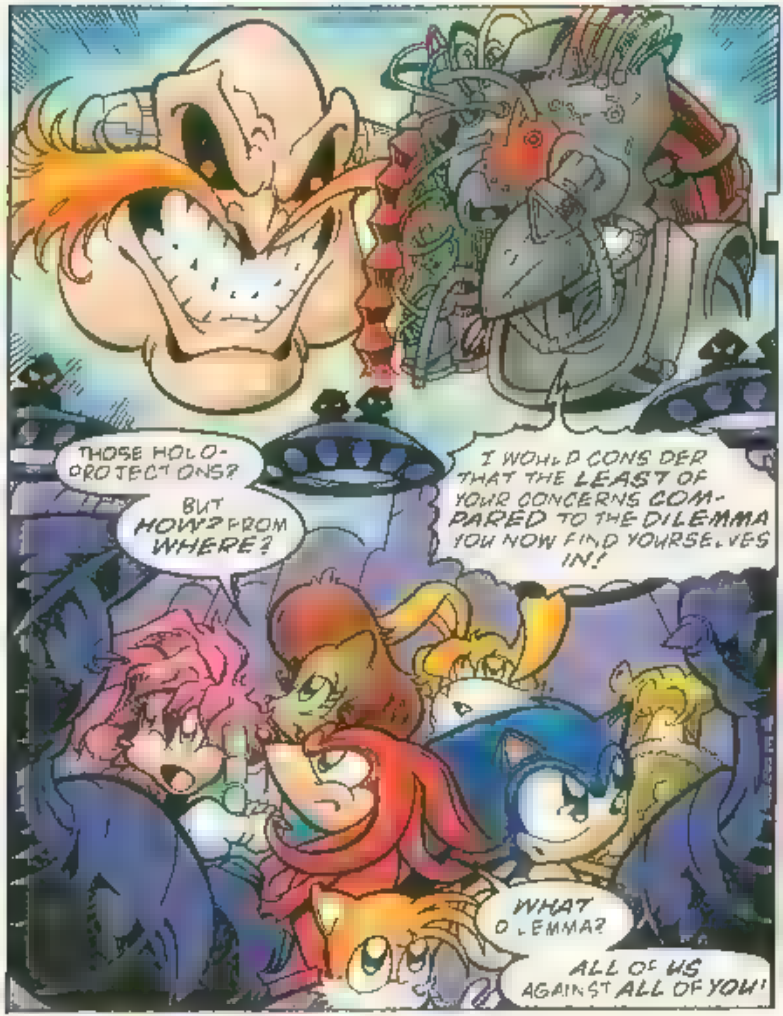
HOPEFULLY, WE'LL BE ABLE TO DEBATE THAT LATER, BUB!
YOU BOYS ARE GOING TO HAVE TO...

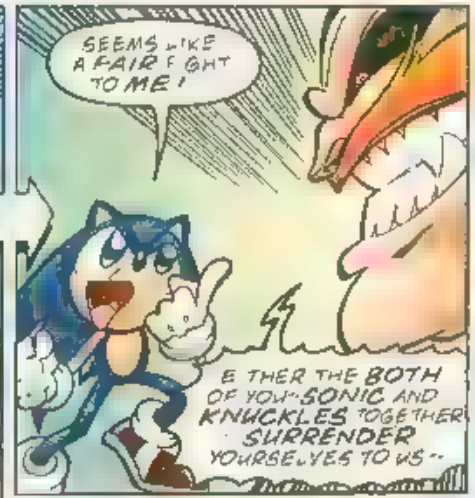

...BECAUSE RIGHT NOW, WE'RE IN TROUBLE WITH A CAPITAL "TEE!"
I SEE IT, PRINCESS SALLY-- PISTOL-PACKIN' DARK LEGIONNAIRES ABOVE...
AND STEEL-BELTED SWAT-BOTS BELOW! TIME FOR A QUICK VOTE-- ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF SOME MAJOR BUTT-KICKIN', SAY "AYE!"

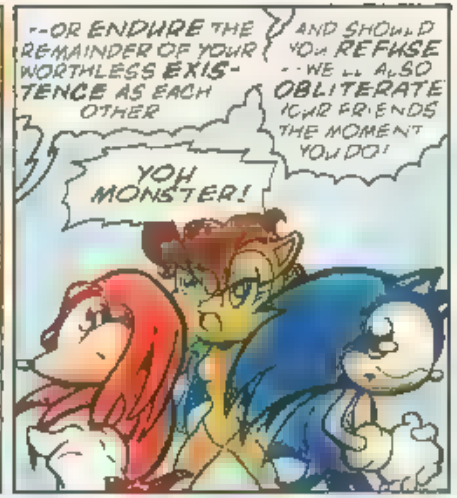
AYE!

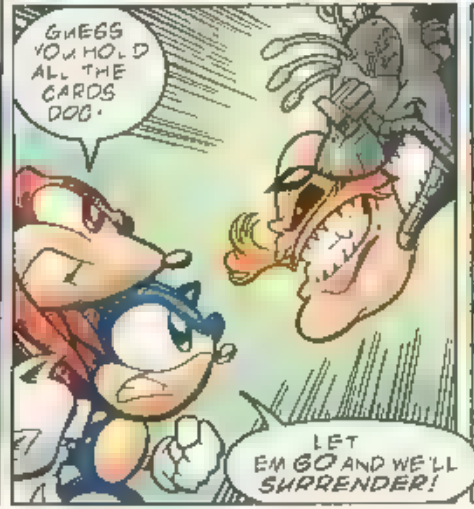

K-BRAKT
VZZZZZ

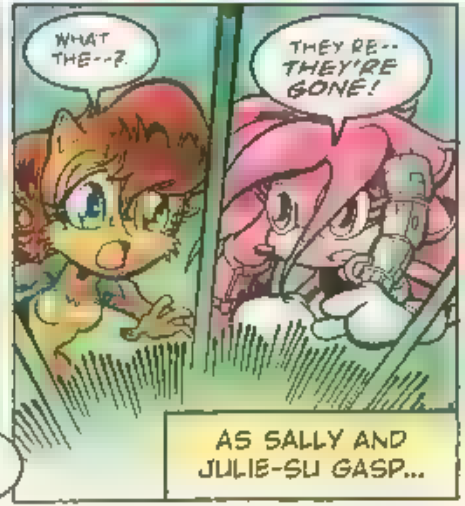
STOP, YOU FOOLS!
CEASE YOUR RESISTANCE AT ONCE!
IT'S A HOLO-PROJECTION OF DIMITRI!
AND... DOCTOR ROBOTNIK?!
"BUT I THOUGHT YOU SAID HE WAS DEAD!"


THOSE HOLO-PROTECTIONS?
BUT HOW? FROM WHERE?
I WOULD CONSIDER THAT THE LEAST OF YOUR CONCERNS COMPARED TO THE DILEMMA YOU NOW FIND YOURSELVES IN!
WHAT DILEMMA?
ALL OF US AGAINST ALL OF YOU!


SEEMS LIKE A FAIR FIGHT TO ME!
EITHER THE BOTH OF YOU--SONIC AND KNUCKLES TOGETHER SURRENDER YOURSELVES TO US--

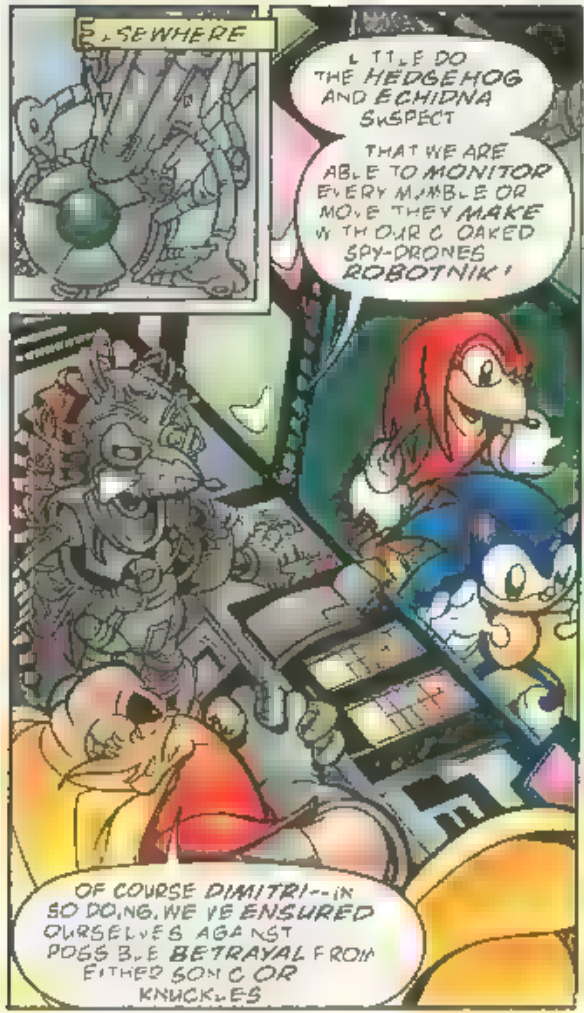

--OR ENDURE THE REMAINDER OF YOUR WORTHLESS EXISTENCE AS EACH OTHER
AND SHOULD YOU REFUSE --WE'LL ALSO OBLITERATE YOUR FRIENDS THE MOMENT YOU DO!
YOU MONSTER!

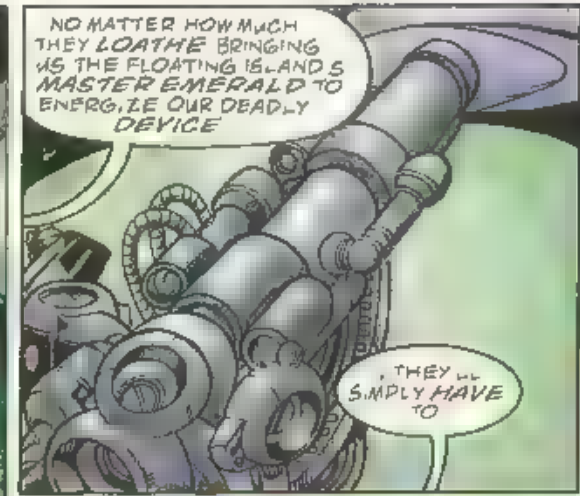

GUESS YOU HOLD ALL THE CARDS DOG.
LET EM GO AND WE'LL SURRENDER!

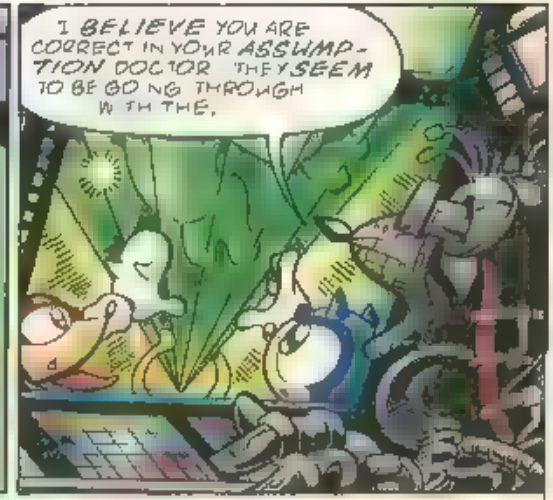

WHAT THE--?
THEY'RE--THEY'RE GONE!
AS SALLY AND JULIE-SU GASP...

CAN'T SECONDS AFTER BEING TELEPORTED AWAY FROM THEIR FRIENDS IN ECHIDNAOPOLIS--
--SONIC AND KNUCKLES MATERIALIZE BEFORE THEIR ARCH-FOES DOCTOR ROBOTNIK AND DIMITRI OF THE DARK LEGION!
OKAY DIMITRI - WHAT NASTY SCHEME HAVE YOU COOKED UP THIS TIME?
AND WHAT'S YOUR STORY, ROBOTNIK? I SAW YOU BITE THE DUST WITH MY OWN TWO EYES!
COME NOW, SONIC. HAVEN'T YOU LEARNED BY NOW THAT APPEARANCES CAN BE OH SO DECEIVING? AND REALLY KNUCKLES. YOU SHOULDN'T GIVE DIMITRI FULL CREDIT FOR THIS CAPER!
HE'S RIGHT. GUARDIAN-- ROBOTNIK IS AS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CHAOS-CANNON AS I AM.
CHAOS-CANNON?
YES. THE CHAOS CANNON-- ITS BLAST, IS CAPABLE OF TURNING ANYTHING IT STRIKES INTO ORGANIC METAL WHETHER IT BE FLORA OR FAUNA.
IT ONLY REQUIRES THE MASTER CHAOS EMERALD THAT KEEPS THE FLOATING ISLAND ALOFT TO ENERGIZE IT... THEN, WE CAN TEST IT ON THE GREAT FOREST!
ONLY WE HAVE THE POWER TO RETURN YOUR MINDS TO THEIR RIGHTFUL BODIES SO IF YOU HALF-DESIRE US TO DO SO...
...YOU'LL BRING US THE MASTER EMERALD AT ONCE!

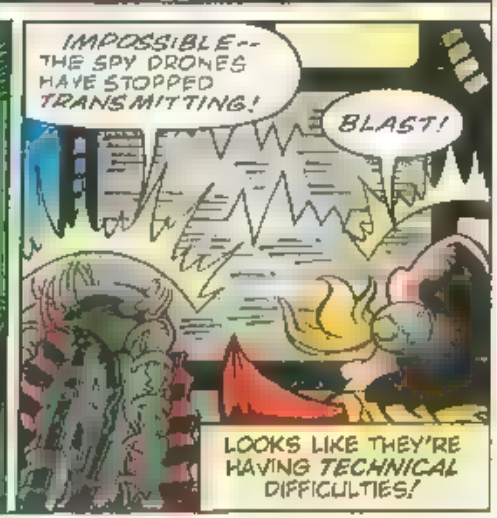
DEEP WITHIN THE FLOATING ISLAND EXISTS THE CHAOS CHAMBER SANCTUARY TO THE THE FABLED MASTER EMERALD --
-THE SOURCE OF POWER WHICH MAINTAINS THE ISLAND'S FLIGHT OVER THE MOBIAN SURFACE BELOW
BEEN AWHILE SINCE I WAS LAST HERE KNUCKLES
BUT IT'S STILL AS WEIRD A PLACE AS I RECALL!
YEAH, SON C EVER SINCE OUR ENEMY MAMMOTH MOGUL WAS ENCASED IN THE EMERALD. T'S NOT YOUR EVERYDAY PAPERWEIGHT, IS IT?
SO WHAT DO WE DO NOW RAD RED?
YOU RE ASKING ME?
IF WE REMOVE THAT EMERALD YOU CAN KISS THE FLOATING SLAND AND EVERYONE ON IT BYE-BYE!
AND F WE DON'T WE RE STUCK IN EACH OTHER'S BODIES FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES!
THE ONLY PART OF THIS DEAL THAT REEKS S YOU GET TO BE ME
DON'T KNOCK BEING AN ECHIDNA UNTIL YOU'VE BEEN ONE FOR AS LONG AS I HAVE
NO MATTER HOW THEY THREATEN US, WE CAN T ALLOW DIMITRI AND ROBOTNIK TOGET THE R HANDS ON THAT EMERALD!
SO WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?
LET'S DO T TO T
WHAT'S NEXT, HEROES?

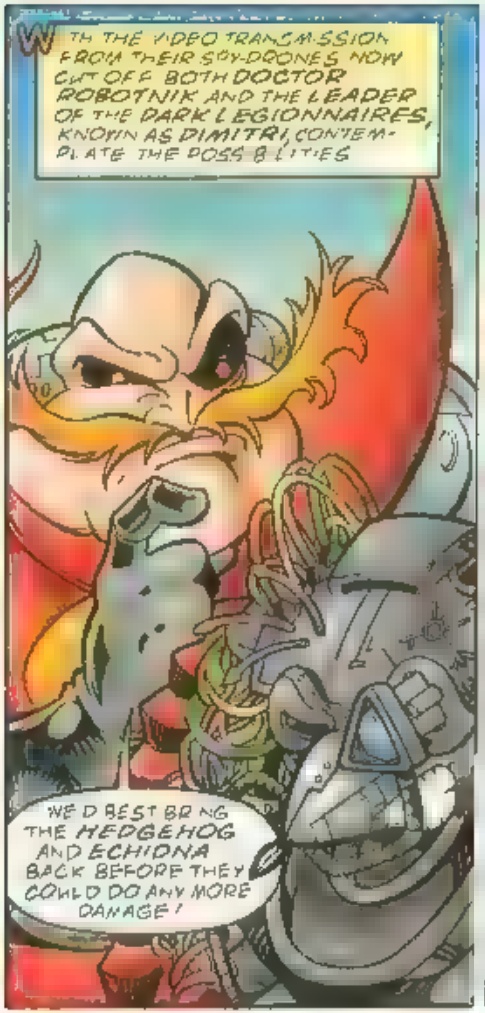

ELSEWHERE
LITTLE DO THE HEDGEHOG AND ECHIDNA SUSPECT
THAT WE ARE ABLE TO MONITOR EVERY MUMBLE OR MOVE THEY MAKE WITH OUR CLOAKED SPY-DRONES ROBOTNIK!
OF COURSE DIMITRI--IN SO DOING, WE'VE ENSURED OURSELVES AGAINST POSSIBLE BETRAYAL FROM EITHER SONIC OR KNUCKLES


NO MATTER HOW MUCH THEY LOATHE BRINGING US THE FLOATING ISLAND'S MASTER EMERALD TO ENERGIZE OUR DEADLY DEVICE
THEY'LL SIMPLY HAVE TO

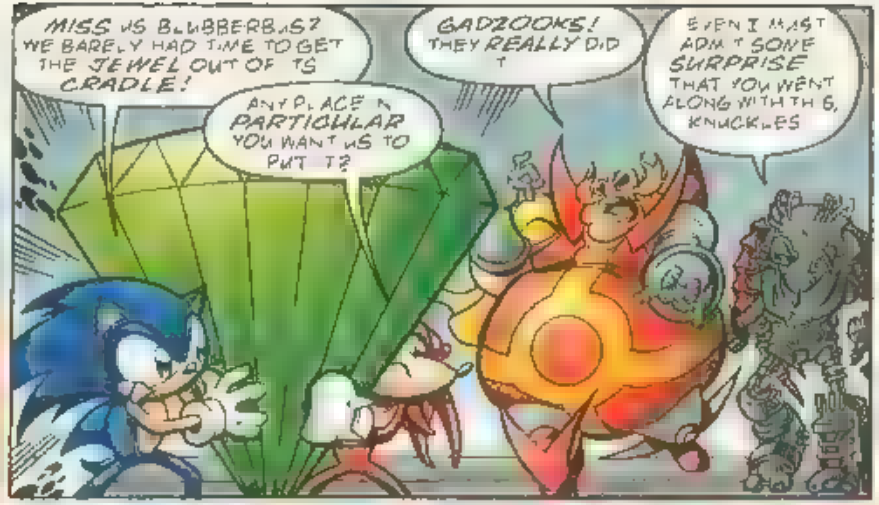

I BELIEVE YOU ARE CORRECT IN YOUR ASSUMPTION DOCTOR THEY SEEM TO BE GOING THROUGH WITH THE,

FWAASH
--PLAN?!


IMPOSSIBLE--THE SPY DRONES HAVE STOPPED TRANSMITTING!
BLAST!
LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE HAVING TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES!


WITH THE VIDEO TRANSMISSION FROM THEIR SOY-DRONES NOW CUT OFF, BOTH DOCTOR ROBOTNIK AND THE LEADER OF THE DARK LEGIONNAIRES, KNOWN AS DIMITRI, CONTEMPLATE THE POSSIBILITIES
WE'D BEST BRING THE HEDGEHOG AND ECHIDNA BACK BEFORE THEY COULD DO ANY MORE DAMAGE!

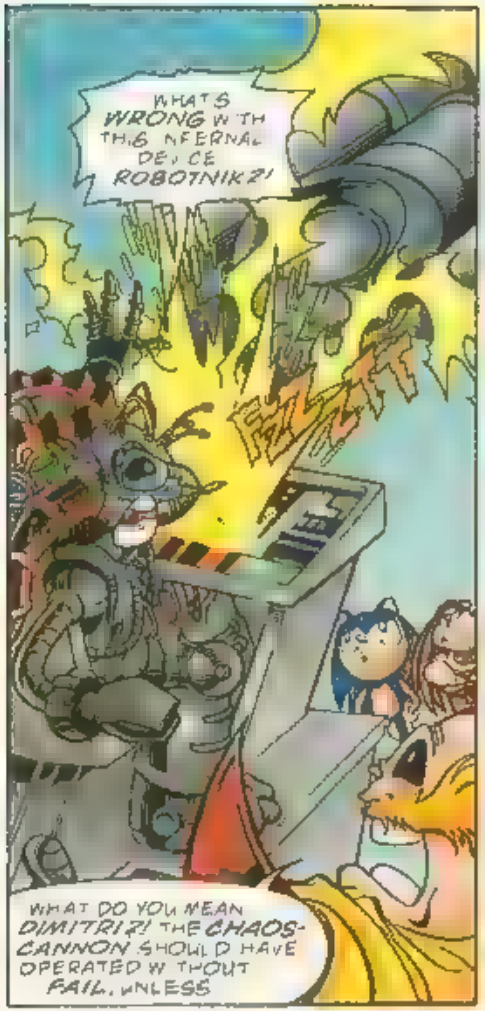
IF THEY KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR THEM, THEY'LL BE IN POSITION. OTHERWISE, THIS WILL BE OUTTA A MESS!
THE TELEPORTER IS NOW ACTIVATED!


MISS VIS BLUBBERBUS? WE BARELY HAD TIME TO GET THE JEWEL OUT OF ITS CRADLE!
ANY PLACE IN PARTICULAR YOU WANT US TO PUT IT?
GADZOOKS! THEY REALLY DID IT
EVEN I MUST ADMIT SOME SURPRISE THAT YOU WENT ALONG WITH THIS, KNUCKLES

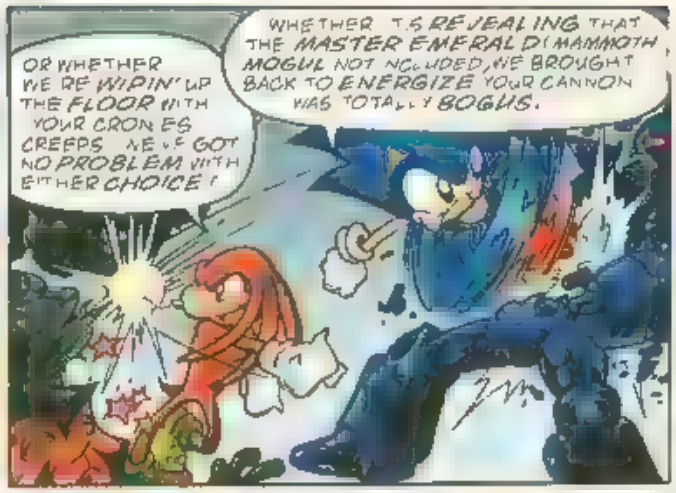
WHAT OTHER OPTIONS DID WE HAVE?
NOW, GENTLY - GENTLY - PLACE THE MASTER EMERALD INTO ITS SETTING. YOU'LL SEE THERE!

THE POWER SOURCE IS INSTALLED, MY CYBERNETIC COHORT!
THIS IS THE PART I REALLY LIKE.
--EXAMINING THE FULL CAPABILITY OF THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY!

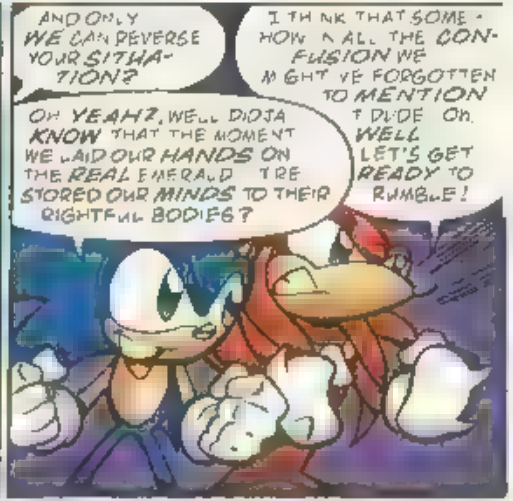
LET'S BEGIN BY DESTROYING THE GREAT FOREST AS A BETA TEST, SHALL WE?
KLK


WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS INFERNAL DEVICE ROBOTNIK?!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN DIMITRI?! THE CHAOS-CANNON SHOULD HAVE OPERATED WITHOUT FAIL, UNLESS

OUR ENTIRE PLAN WAS SOMEHOW SABOTAGED BY SONIC AND KNUCKLES!
I AGREE - ADMIT TO YOUR TREACHERY, MISCREANTS OR FACE THE COMBINED MIGHT OF OUR SWAT BOTS AND DARK LEGIONNAIRES!

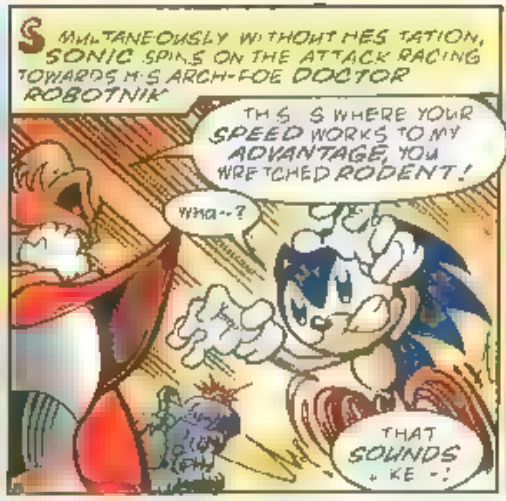

OR WHETHER WE'RE WIPIN' UP THE FLOOR WITH YOUR CRONIES CREEPS. WE'VE GOT NO PROBLEM WITH EITHER CHOICE!
WHETHER IT'S REVEALING THAT THE MASTER EMERALD (MAMMOTH MOGUL NOT INCLUDED) WE BROUGHT BACK TO ENERGIZE YOUR CANNON WAS TOTALLY BOGUS.

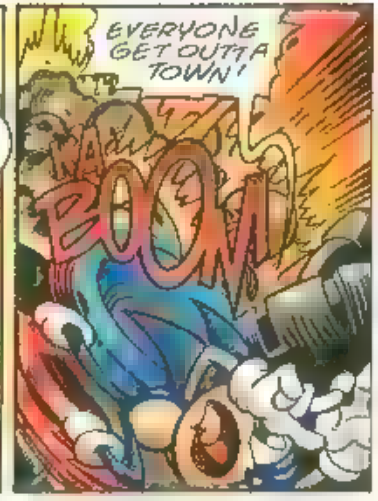
YO, RAD RED - NOW THAT WE'RE THROUGH SCRAPP'N THESE BOTS AND LEGIONNAIRES WHADDAYA SAY WE TAKE OUT THE TRASH?
WE'VE HAD OUR DIFFERENCES IN THE PAST TRUE BLUE -- BUT EVEN I CAN'T DISAGREE WITH YOU ON THAT IDEA!
NOT ANOTHER MOVE, YOU TWITS-- DID YOU FORGET THAT YOU REMAIN TRAPPED IN EACH OTHER'S BODIES

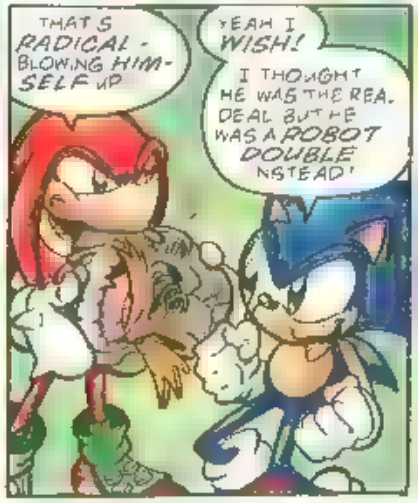

AND ONLY WE CAN REVERSE YOUR SITUATION?
I THINK THAT SOMEHOW IN ALL THE CONFUSION WE MIGHT'VE FORGOTTEN TO MENTION THAT DUDE. OH, WELL LET'S GET READY TO RUMBLE!
OH YEAH?, WELL DIDJA KNOW THAT THE MOMENT WE LAID OUR HANDS ON THE REAL EMERALD THEY STORED OUR MINDS TO THEIR RIGHTFUL BODIES?

THOUGHTLESSLY ON KNUCKLES ADVANCES TOWARDS HIS ARCH FOE DIMITRI
THIS IS WHERE IT ENDS, GRUESOME!
THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE MISTAKEN
ONCE AGAIN

"I LEAVE TO CONTEMPLATE YOUR PATHETIC SHORTCOMINGS MY ACCURSED DESCENDANT!
KRAKKSH


SIMULTANEOUSLY WITHOUT HESITATION, SONIC SPINS ON THE ATTACK RACING TOWARDS HIS ARCH-FOE DOCTOR ROBOTNIK
THIS IS WHERE YOUR SPEED WORKS TO MY ADVANTAGE, YOU WRETCHED RODENT!
Wha--?
THAT SOUNDS LIKE--!


EVERYONE GET OUTTA TOWN!
BOOM


THAT'S RADICAL - BLOWING HIMSELF UP
YEAH I WISH!
I THOUGHT HE WAS THE REAL DEAL BUT HE WAS A ROBOT DOUBLE INSTEAD!

WE MAY HAVE BAGGED THE RESCHEME, BUT YOURS TRULY PLANS TO BAG THE BADGUYS NEXT TIME!
IN THAT CASE, YOU BETTER START WISHING YOU WERE A HEDGEHOG AGAIN

IN YOUR DREAMS!
HEDGEHOGS CAN SPIN WAY COOL
ECHIDNAS CAN GLIDE!
HEDGEHOGS HAVE REAL SHARP SPINES!
Echidnas have hip dreadlocks!

**THE END!**

A LAZY AFTERNOON IN KNOTHOLE KINGDOM--

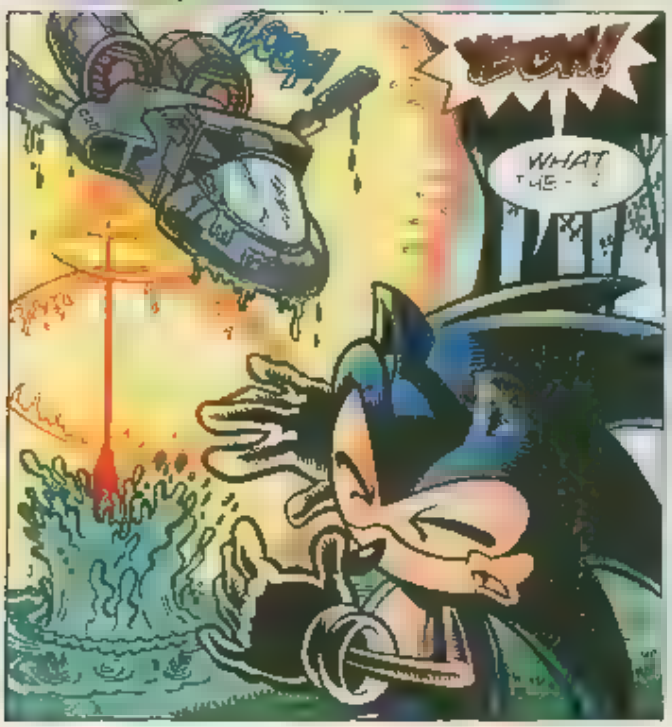
# PLANET POLLUTION

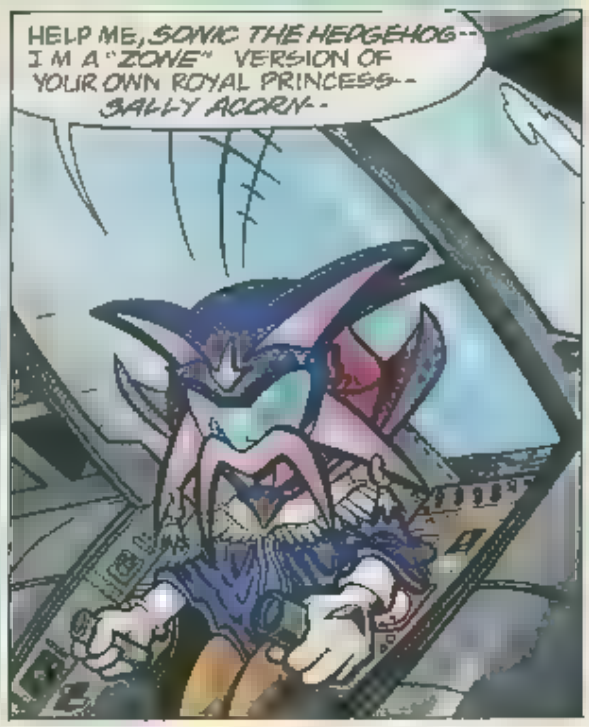
## Chapter 1

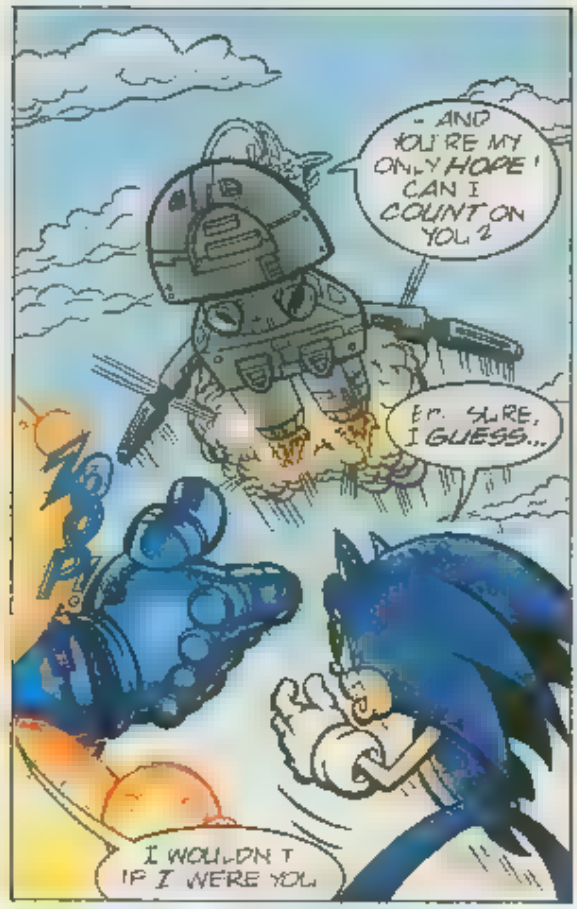
WHERE A FAMILIAR BLUE FIGURE TAKES A MUCH DESERVED REST FROM FREEDOM FIGHTING

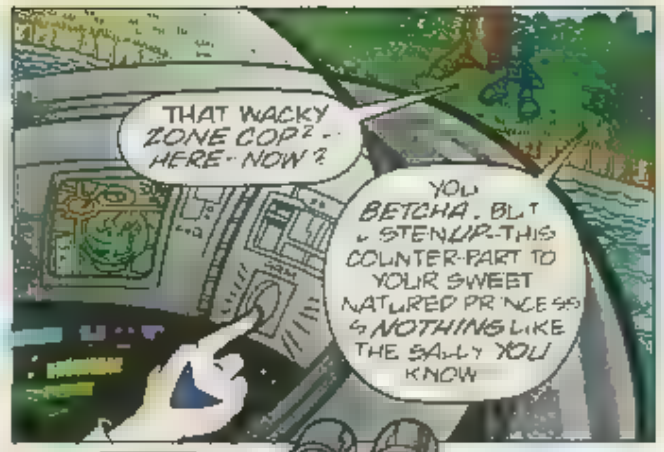
TOO BAD HIS TIME OFF--

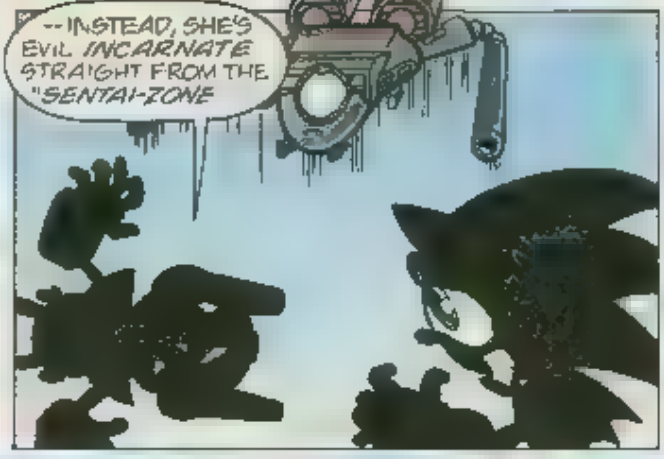
--IS ABOUT TO BE CUT WAY TOO SHORT




- AND YOU'RE MY ONLY HOPE! CAN I COUNT ON YOU?
ER... SURE, I GUESS...
I WOULDN'T IF I WERE YOU.

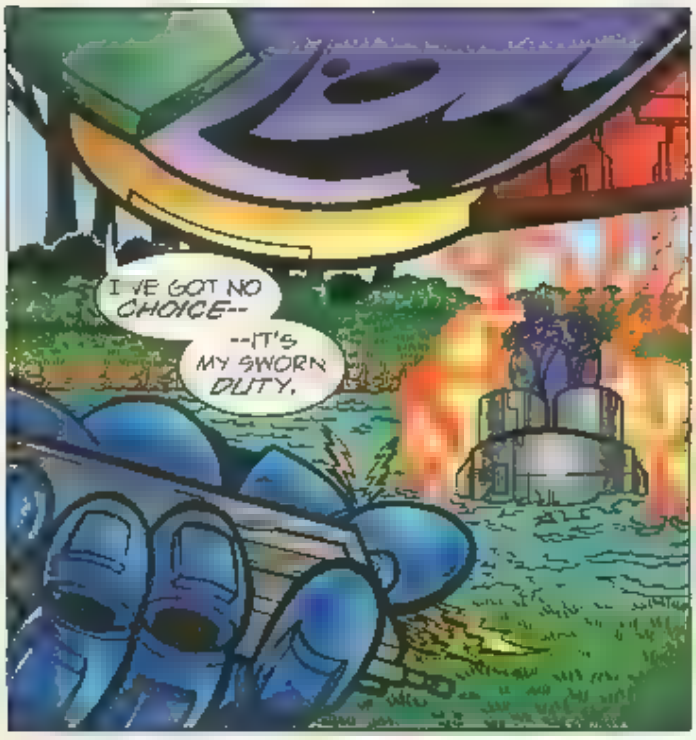

THAT WACKY ZONE COP? - HERE - NOW?
YOU BETCHA. BUT - STENUP - THIS COUNTER-PART TO YOUR SWEET NATURED PRINCESS IS NOTHING LIKE THE SALLY YOU KNOW

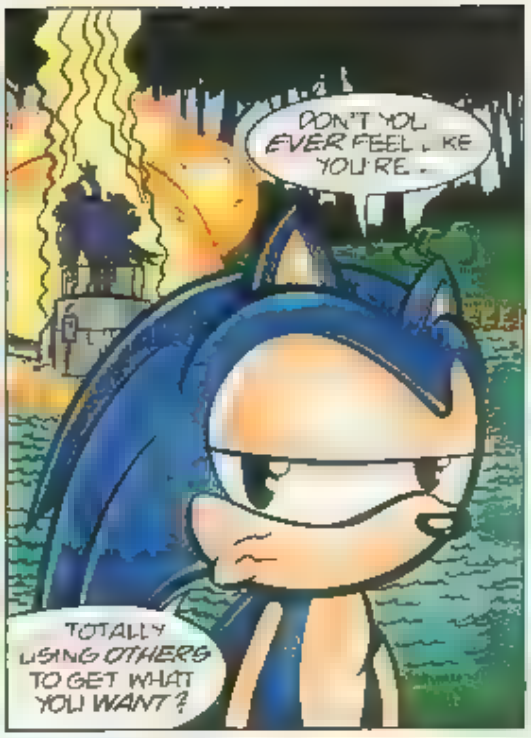

-- INSTEAD, SHE'S EVIL INCARNATE STRAIGHT FROM THE "SENTAI-ZONE

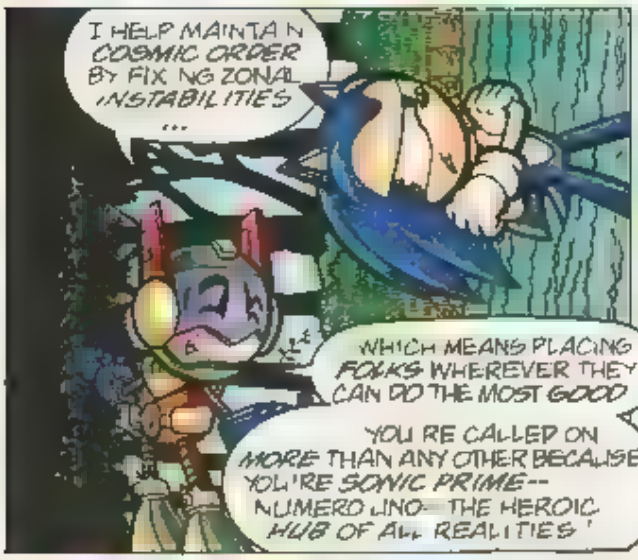
FSCHOOM
FSCHOOM
WHOA!
SNAPPS!
NO CAN DO - BUT I CAN SUMMON HER MORTAL ENEMIES -
SO WHAT GIVES? CAN'T YOU 'ZONE' HER BACK WHERE SHE BELONGS?

--SONICAMAN: CHAOS NINJA TEAM!
?!

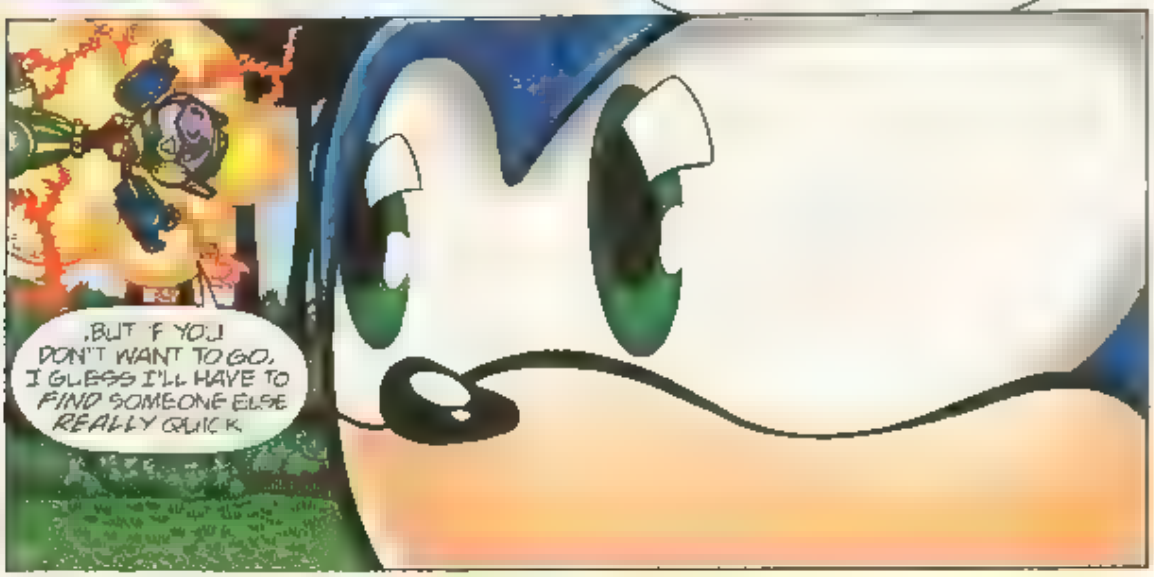
WA TASEC, SONIC—WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?
DON'T MEAN TO "DIS" YA ..
. BUT THIS WHOLE "ZAPPING" ME TO OTHER ZONES AND VICE VERSA ROUTINE
HAS REALLY PLAYED TSELF OUT.
LAST TIME IT WAS THAT BUSINESS
BORG"
... AND BEFORE THAT, IT WAS PRETTY SOLDIER SALLY MOON'S (AND BOY, WAS SHE PRETTY)!
WHAT I'M SAYING IS, IT'S TOUGH ENOUGH KEEPING AN EYE ON ONE PRINCESS SALLY. FORGET A MILLION OF HER .
OR A MILL ON ANYONE ELSES OUT THERE!
HOW D'YOU KEEP TRACK OF IT ALL AND WHY?

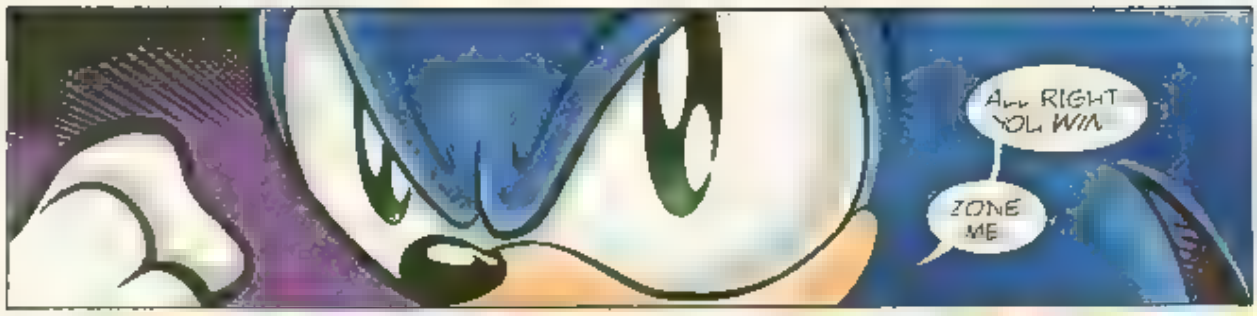

I'VE GOT NO CHOICE--
--IT'S MY SWORN DUTY.

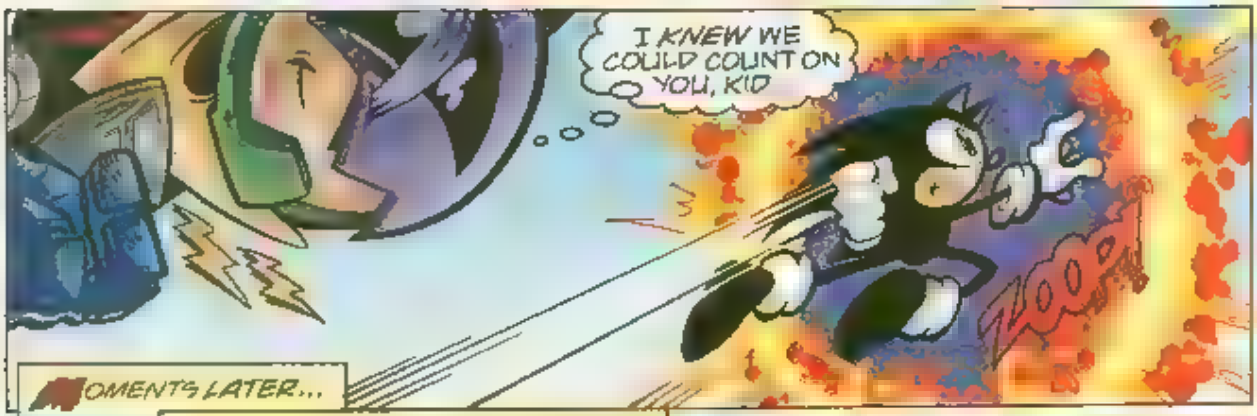

DON'T YOU EVER FEEL LIKE YOU'RE...
TOTALLY USING OTHERS TO GET WHAT YOU WANT?


I HELP MAINTAIN COSMIC ORDER BY FIXING ZONAL INSTABILITIES...
WHICH MEANS PLACING FOLKS WHEREVER THEY CAN DO THE MOST GOOD
YOU'RE CALLED ON MORE THAN ANY OTHER BECAUSE YOU'RE SONIC PRIME--NUMERO UNO--THE HEROIC HUB OF ALL REALITIES!

WELL, I'M SICK OF IT. GO FIND ANOTHER HUB BUB.
UH-OH... IT'S ANOTHER ZONAL EMERGENCY AND ON A SCALE OF ONE TO TEN IT'S AN ELEVEN! MILLIONS'LL PERISH WITHOUT IMMEDIATE AID...

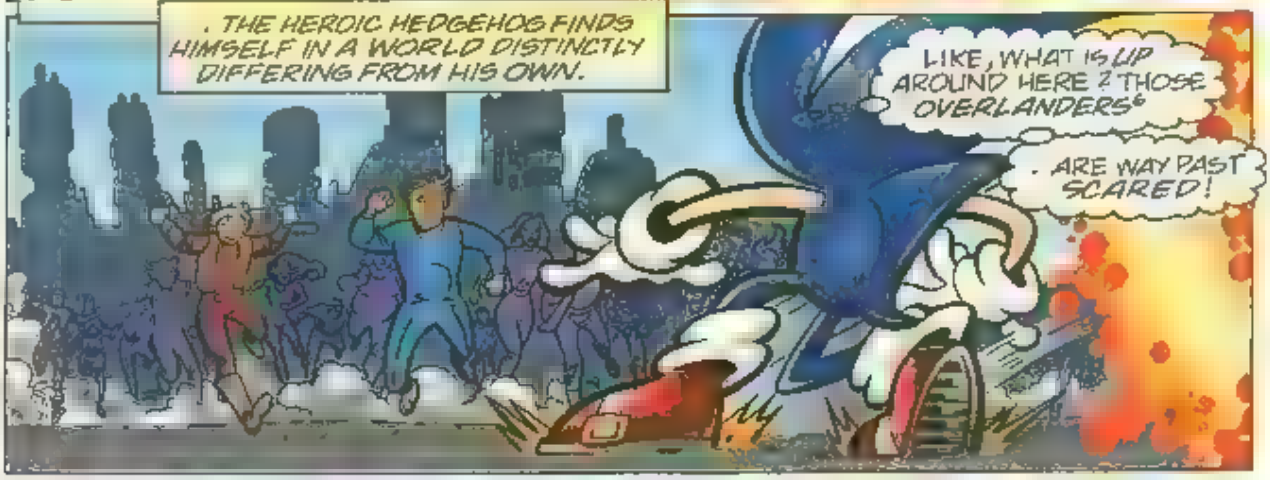

BUT IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GO, I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO FIND SOMEONE ELSE REALLY QUICK.




MOMENTS LATER...

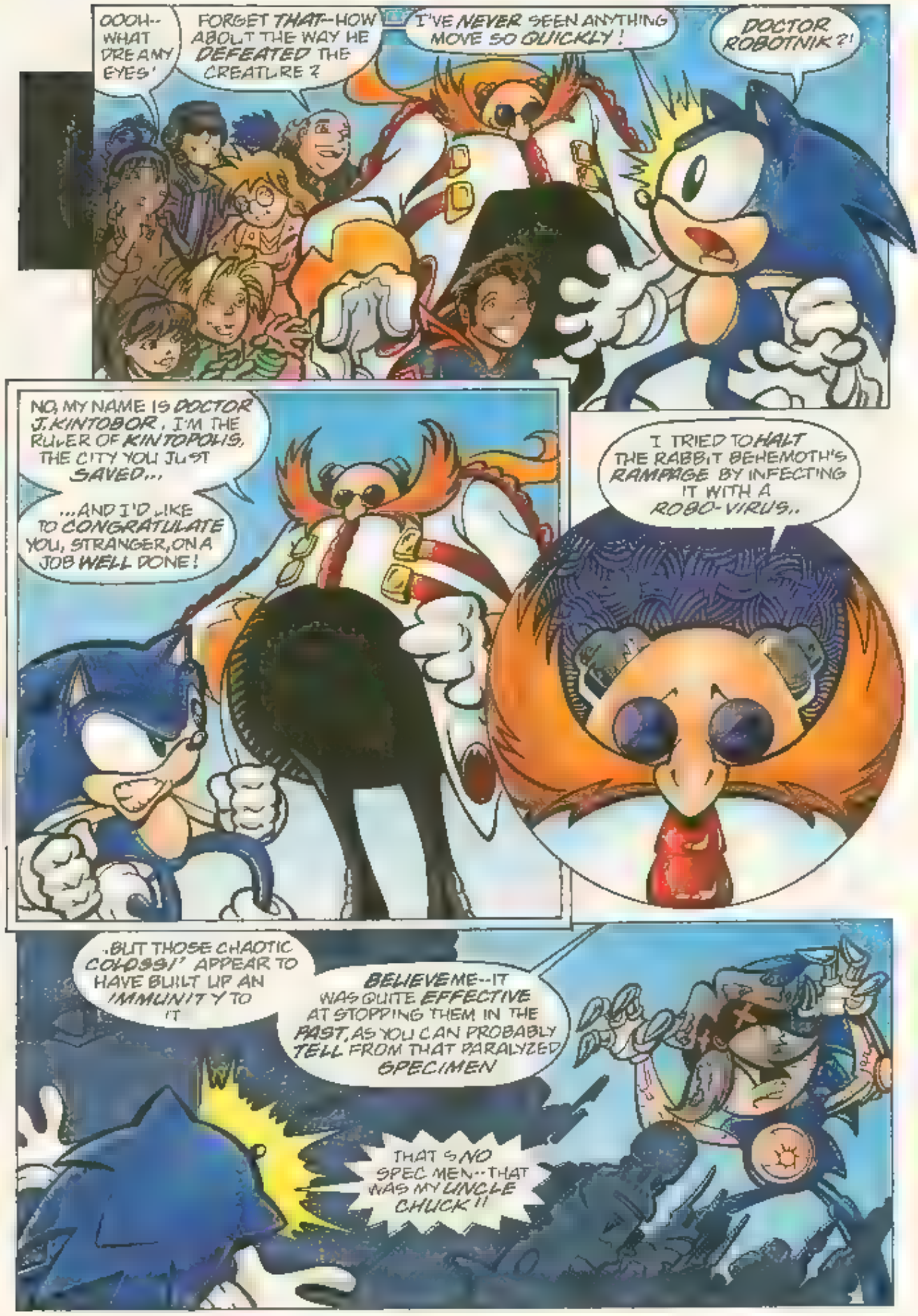
. THE HEROIC HEDGEHOG FINDS HIMSELF IN A WORLD DISTINCTLY DIFFERING FROM HIS OWN.



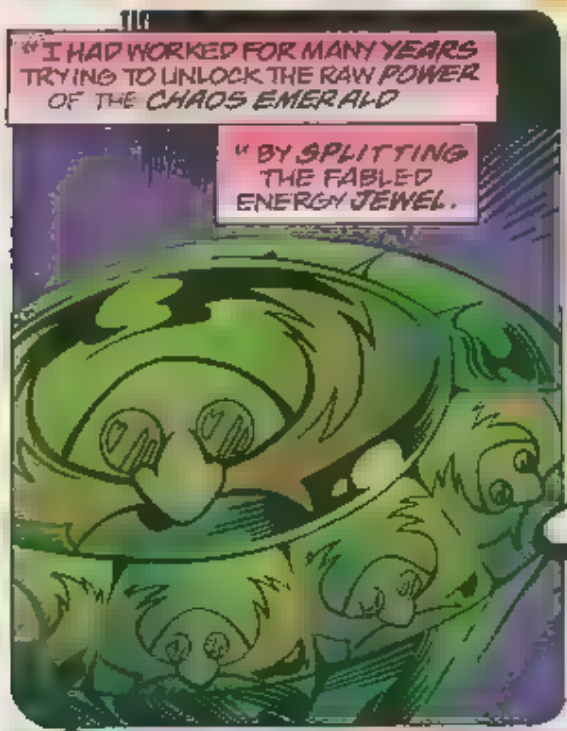
Chapter 2
"RUN--RUN FOR YOUR LIVES! IT'S--IT'S
RABBOT-ZILLA!!!"

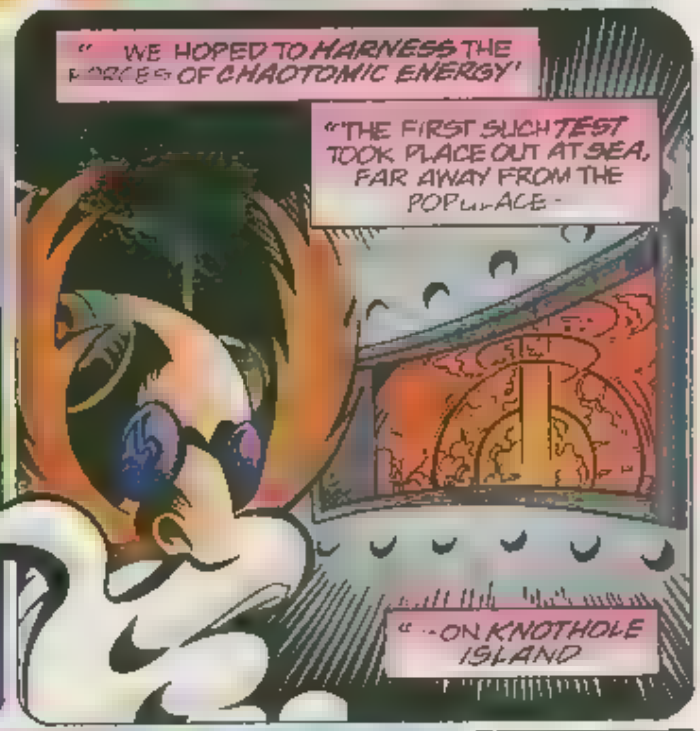
NO WAY— B-BUNNIE!
BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND-- SHE'S ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS, ISN'T SHE?
GOOD AND EVIL ARE RELATIVE CONCEPTS IN OTHER ZONES, SONIC--
-YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO PLAY EACH CASE BY EAR..
BUT-- BUT--
"AWW NUTS SORRY, BUNNIE"
..YOU MAY BE ONE OF MY CLOSEST FRIENDS BACK WHERE I COME FROM..
BUT HERE, YOU'RE JUST A MINDLESS MONSTER!
SO, LET'S GET READY TO RUMBLE!

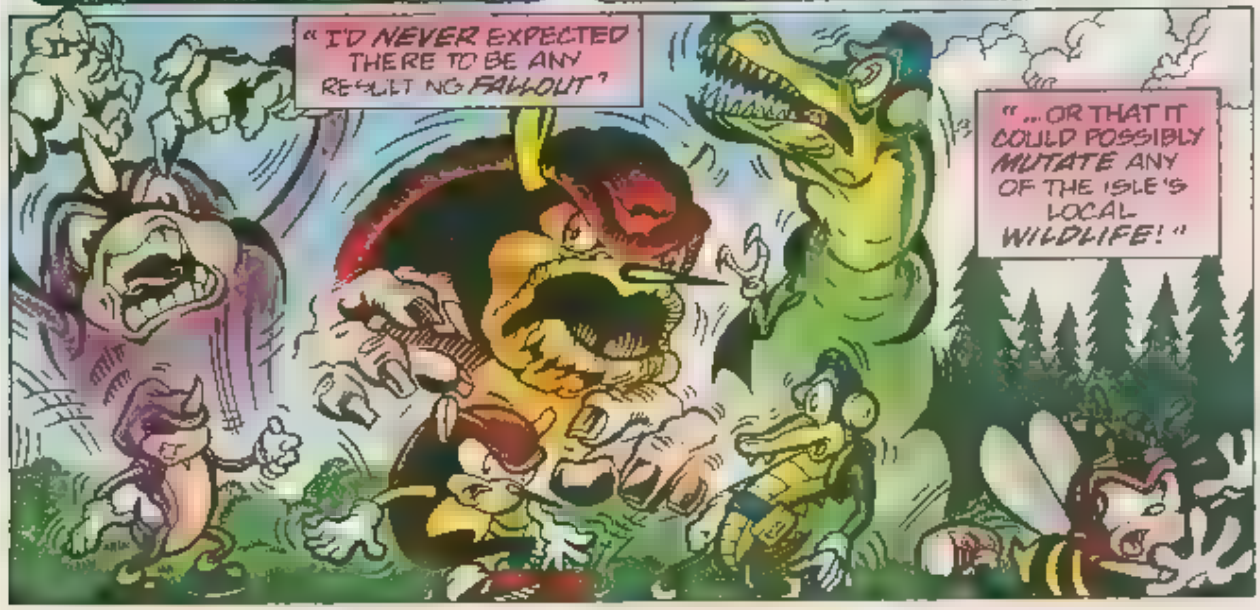
T ME FOR ME TO GO NTO MY TRADEMARK 'TRIPLE-SPIN MODE' AND BURN SOME RUBBER FOR REAL!
WHEN BOTZILLA TRIES TO STOMP ME
THE SUPER HEATED TAR ON TH S STREET IS GONNA BE SO MELTED THAT-
TA-DA!
-SHE'LL BE STUCK LIKE A GIANT BUG ON OVERSIZED FLYPAPER!


OOOH-- WHAT DREAMY EYES!
FORGET THAT--HOW ABOUT THE WAY HE DEFEATED THE CREATURE?
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING MOVE SO QUICKLY!
DOCTOR ROBOTNIK?!
NO, MY NAME IS DOCTOR J. KINTOBOR. I'M THE RULER OF KINTOPOLIS, THE CITY YOU JUST SAVED...
...AND I'D LIKE TO CONGRATULATE YOU, STRANGER, ON A JOB WELL DONE!
I TRIED TO HALT THE RABBIT BEHEMOTH'S RAMPAGE BY INFECTING IT WITH A ROBO-VIRUS..
...BUT THOSE CHAOTIC COLOSSI APPEAR TO HAVE BUILT UP AN IMMUNITY TO IT
BELIEVE ME--IT WAS QUITE EFFECTIVE AT STOPPING THEM IN THE PAST, AS YOU CAN PROBABLY TELL FROM THAT PARALYZED SPECIMEN
THAT'S NO SPECIMEN--THAT WAS MY UNCLE CHUCK!!

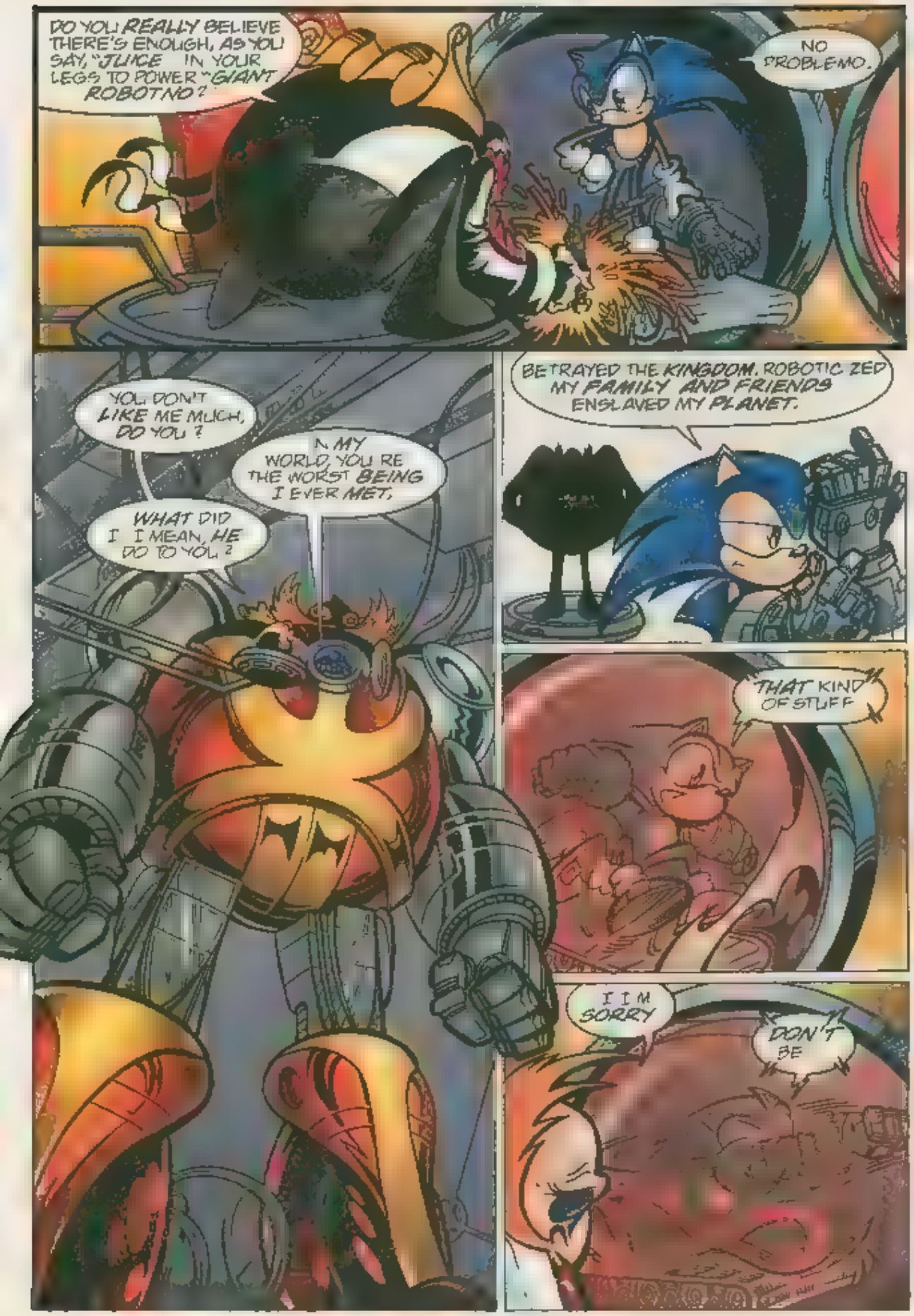
HOW DID ALL OF THIS HAPPEN? I WANT ANSWERS NOW, KINTOBOR!
GET THEM YOU WILL, STRANGER. I'M AFRAID IT'S A TRAGIC TALE...
AND ONE THAT'S MY FAULT ENTIRELY

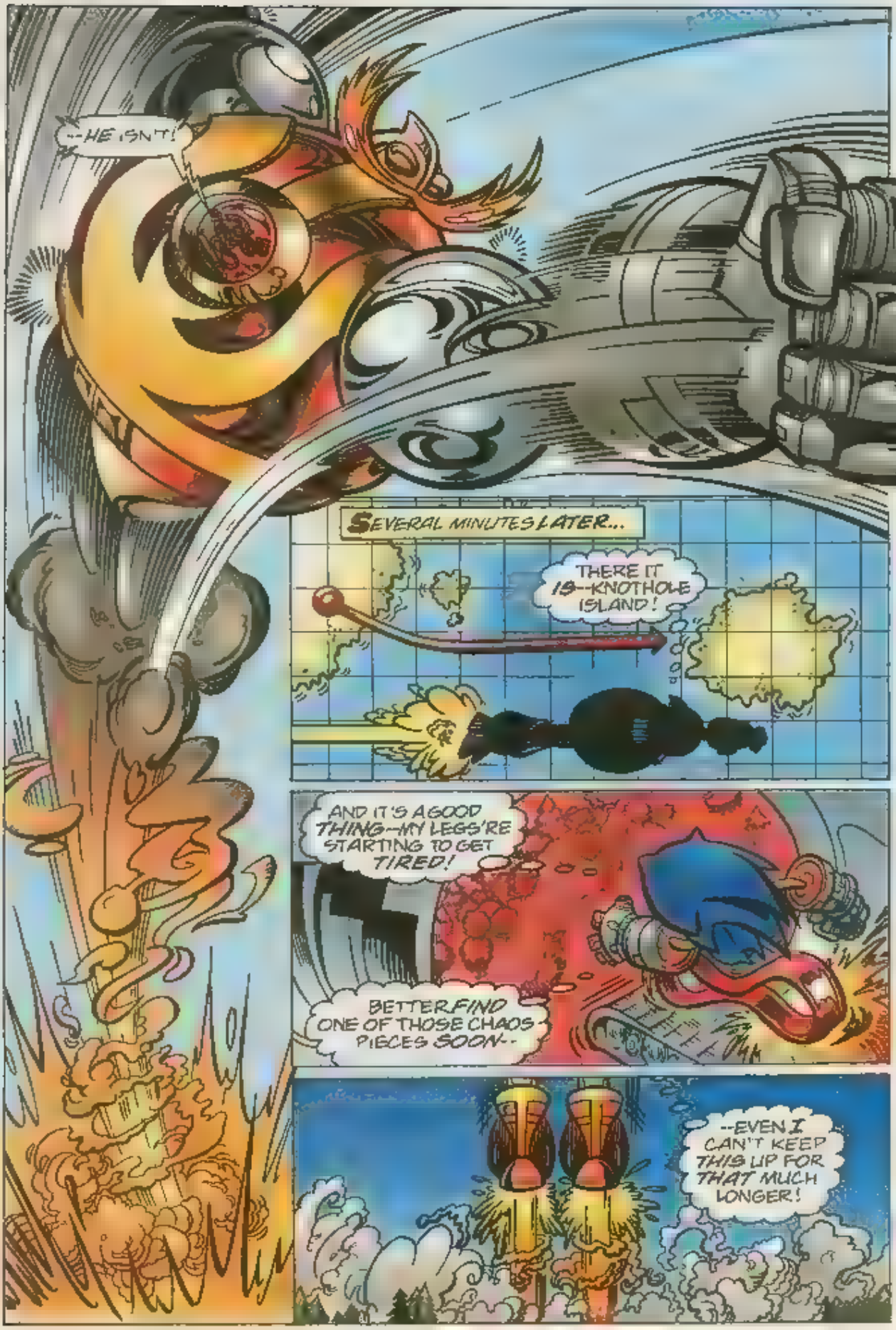

"I HAD WORKED FOR MANY YEARS TRYING TO UNLOCK THE RAW POWER OF THE CHAOS EMERALD
"BY SPLITTING THE FABLED ENERGY JEWEL.


"...WE HOPED TO HARNESS THE FORCES OF CHAOTOMIC ENERGY!"
"THE FIRST SUCH TEST TOOK PLACE OUT AT SEA, FAR AWAY FROM THE POPULACE-
"...ON KNOTHOLE ISLAND

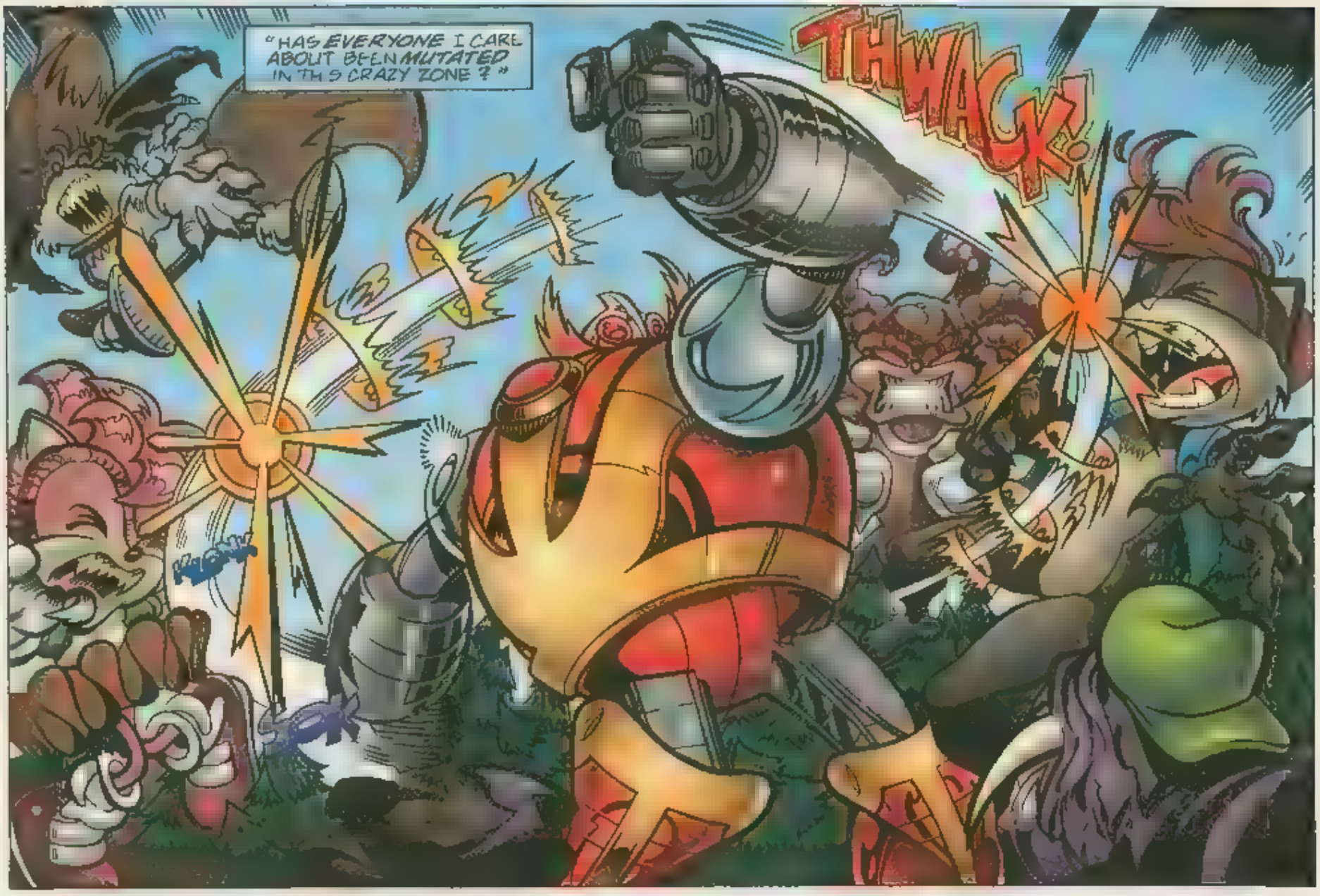

"I'D NEVER EXPECTED THERE TO BE ANY RESULTING FALLOUT"
"...OR THAT IT COULD POSSIBLY MUTATE ANY OF THE ISLE'S LOCAL WILDLIFE!"

"WHO KNEW THE REASON BEHIND THEIR RECENT ATTACKS ON KNOTOPOLIS ITSELF?
"I ONLY KNEW THAT MY ARMIES HAD PROVEN INEFFECTUAL AGAINST THEIR UNPRECEDENTED MIGHT
"IN ORDER TO FIGHT FIRE WITH FIRE, I DESIGNED GIANT SIZED ROBOTS TO BEAT BACK THE IRRADIATED INVADERS
". BUT THE ONLY FORCE STRONG ENOUGH TO POWER MY ATLAS-INSPIRED AUTOMATONS!"
" ARE THE SPLIT HALVES OF THE CHAOS EMERALD WHICH STILL REMAIN ON KNOTHOLE ISLAND "
..DEEP IN THE MONSTERS' LAIR.
DON'T WORRY, KINTOBOR — I'VE GOT A PLAN!


DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE THERE'S ENOUGH, AS YOU SAY, "JUICE" IN YOUR LEGS TO POWER "GIANT ROBOT NO"?
NO PROBLEMO.
YOU DON'T LIKE ME MUCH, DO YOU?
IN MY WORLD, YOU RE THE WORST BEING I EVER MET.
WHAT DID I I MEAN, HE DO TO YOU?
BETRAYED THE KINGDOM. ROBOTIC ZED MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS ENSLAVED MY PLANET.
THAT KIND OF STUFF
I I M SORRY
DON'T BE

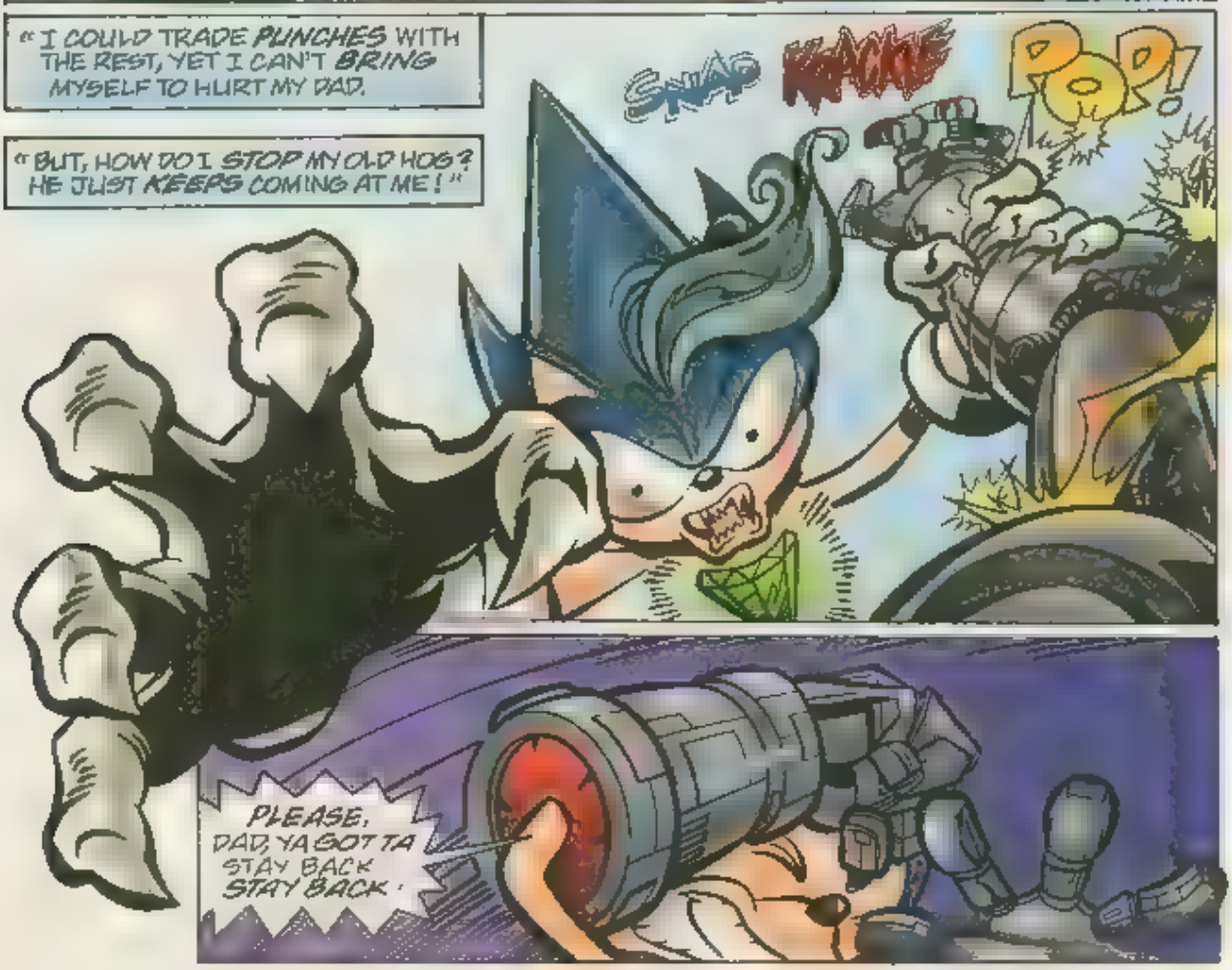

--HE ISN'T!
SEVERAL MINUTES LATER...
THERE IT IS--KNOTHOLE ISLAND!
AND IT'S A GOOD THING--MY LEGS'RE STARTING TO GET TIRED!
BETTER FIND ONE OF THOSE CHAOS PIECES SOON--
--EVEN I CAN'T KEEP THIS UP FOR THAT MUCH LONGER!

BUT WHERE'S THE MONSTER'S LAIR, ANYWAY?
I MEAN, IT'S NOT EXACTLY LIKE OL' KINTOBOR GAVE ME A MAP LEADING RIGHT TO
NO WAY
"TAILS, KNUCKLES, AMY, ROTOR AND EVEN SALLY -- ALL OF MY FREEDOM FIGHTING FRIENDS--
--TURNED INTO HIDEOUS MONSTERS! --WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PLACE?"


"HAS EVERYONE I CARE ABOUT BEEN MUTATED IN THIS CRAZY ZONE ?"
THWACK!

I CAN'T TAKE MUCH MORE OF THIS.
FWOOSH
NOT ONLY AM I LOSING SPEED...
...BUT FIGHTING MY BEST BUDS IS TOO MUCH FOR ME TO HANDLE!
KZARK!
WHUP
GOTTA FIND THAT CHAOS EMERALD...
ROWWRR!
UH-OH! COULD THAT BE THIS ZONE'S VERSION OF ME? OR...

DAD?!
SKRUNG
EVEN WORSE, HALF OF THE EMERALD HAS SOMEHOW ATTACHED ITSELF TO HIS BODY


"I COULD TRADE PUNCHES WITH THE REST, YET I CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO HURT MY DAD.
"BUT, HOW DO I STOP MY OLD HOG? HE JUST KEEPS COMING AT ME!"
SNAP
KRACKLE
POP!
PLEASE, DAD, YA GOTTA STAY BACK STAY BACK.

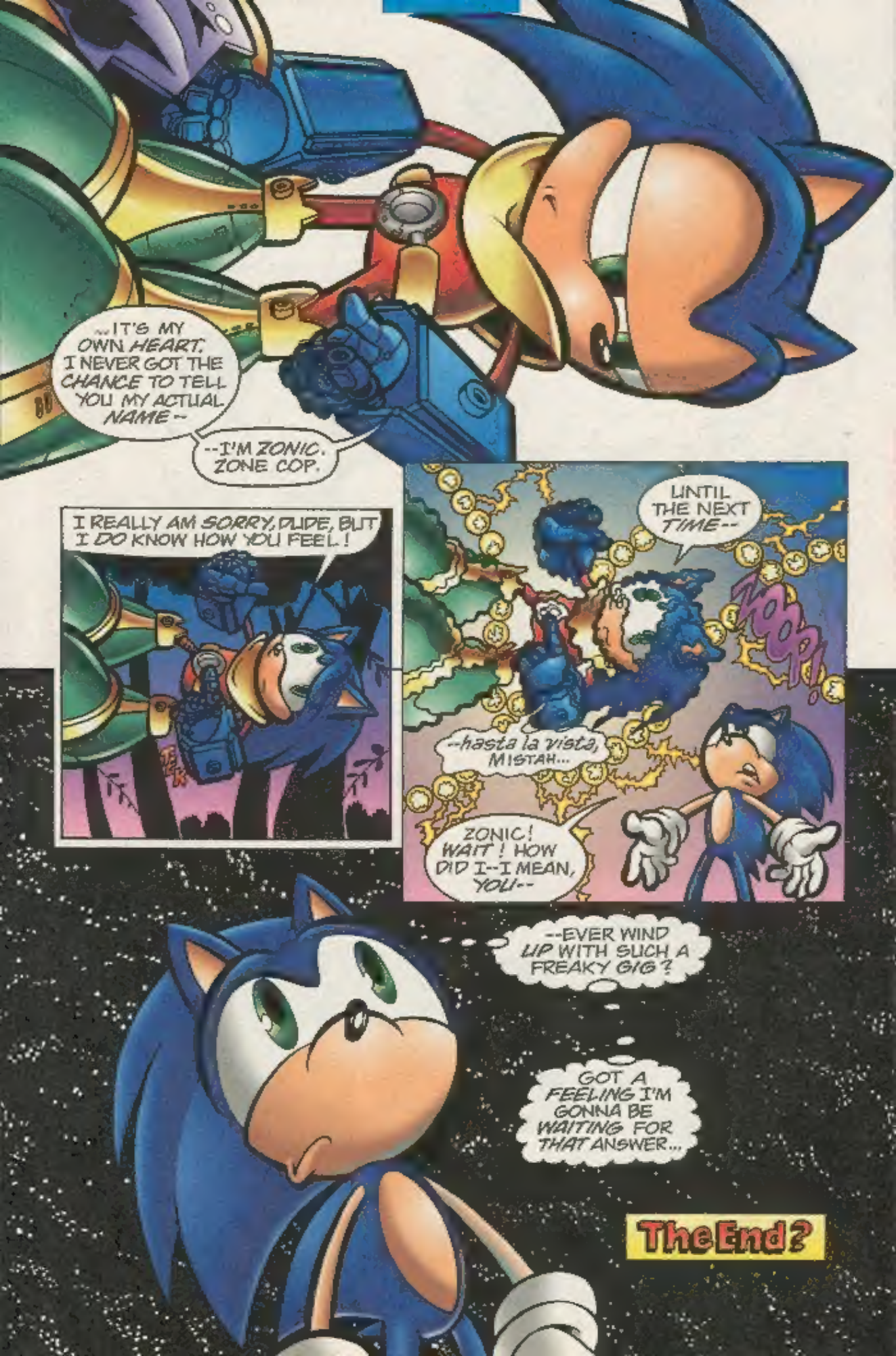
ROWWR!
HUH? DAD? WHAT HAPPENED?
DAD!!!
I DIDN'T MEAN TO...
THUD

NOOOOOO!!!
AND AS THE ANGUISHED SONIC SOARS OFF...

A SECOND GROTESQUE FIGURE EMERGES INTO THE CLEARING, THE OTHER HALF-EMERALD AFFIXED TO ITS OWN CHEST !
RAARROH ?
RAARGGHH!

LATER, BACK IN KINTOPOLIS...
REJOICE, STRANGER. THANKS TO YOUR BRAVE ACTIONS...
...THE CITY'S FIRST MECHANIZED PROTECTOR IS NOW FULLY OPERATIONAL!
WHA...?
ARE WE DONE YET?
I DO SAY YES
GOOD--LET'S JUICE!
I WISH TO NAME MY NEW CREATION AFTER THE HERO WHOSE IMAGE IT BEARS.
BUT NOW I REALIZE THAT I NEVER ASKED YOU YOUR NAME, STRANGER...

YOU DID IT, SONIC--A BALANCE HAS BEEN STRUCK AND THE HELPLESS WILL NOW BE ABLE TO DEFEND THEMSELVES!
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING ME! I WASN'T SURE WHAT I WAS DOING. I DIDN'T KNOW IF HELPING KINTOBOR WOULD BE THE RIGHT CHOICE...
...SO HOW'D YOU KNOW I'D PLAY IT THROUGH TO THE END--
--ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU KNEW WHAT I'D HAVE TO DO TO EVENTUALLY GET THE EMERALD?
I'M REALLY SORRY. I KNOW EXACTLY HOW YOU FEEL AND--
GIMME A BREAK! EVEN IF HE WASN'T FROM MY ZONE, HE WAS STILL MY FATHER!
HOW IN THIS WORLD, OR ANY OTHER, WOULD YOU KNOW WHAT I'M GOING THROUGH? WHAT I FEEL? YOU'RE JUST A NAMELESS, FACELESS ZONE COP!
AM I? IF THERE'S ONE THING I KNOW...


...IT'S MY OWN HEART. I NEVER GOT THE CHANCE TO TELL YOU MY ACTUAL NAME--
--I'M ZONIC. ZONE COP.
I REALLY AM SORRY, DUDE, BUT I DO KNOW HOW YOU FEEL!
UNTIL THE NEXT TIME--
--hasta la vista, MISTAH...
ZONIC! WAIT! HOW DID I--I MEAN, YOU--
--EVER WIND UP WITH SUCH A FREAKY GIG?
GOT A FEELING I'M GONNA BE WAITING FOR THAT ANSWER...
The End?

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